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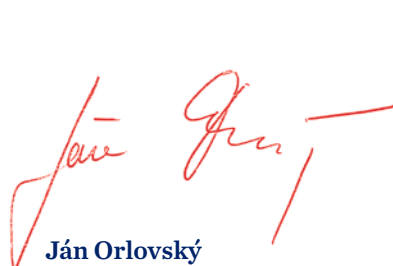
The need to be useful and do good has been felt by people from time immemorial. Fortunately. And fortunately for many people it becomes a life mission and who devote all their creativity, their time and energy to it. Their enthusiasm for a good cause and the willingness to try new things is an essential element for progress in every society.

The visions and plans of such people would have remained only in their heads or on paper, if there were not a source of support for them. The EEA (European Economic Area) Financial Mechanism Funds for NGOs in 16 countries in Central and Southern Europe have become one of the most important sources of financial support for just such innovators, the people and organizations who test and provide new solutions to societal problems, and who are on the side of the public interest and the communities in which they live.

Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein entrusted € 7.4 million to the administration of four Slovak foundations for direct support of a civic society. They did so with the conviction that through this we can help disseminate and apply the values on which Europe is built. Space will therefore be created where citizens have the opportunity to confront politicians and their responsibilities, and also the space in which there will be respect for human dignity and solidarity with people who, for various reasons, are excluded from mainstream society. Thanks to these resources we can remain a society that has a genuine interest in protecting its environment. At the same time, we are a country which is aware that its future lies in the hands of today's children and young people.

Listed on the following pages are the results of joint work over the past three years by the Ekopolis Foundation, the Children of Slovakia Foundation, Socia – the Social Reform Foundation and the Open Society Foundation. Together with non-governmental organizations that received support to carry out more than 197 projects we are grateful for the opportunity to make Slovakia a better and more beautiful country.

We wish you pleasant reading.



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**Active
citizenship
and inclusion**

NGO Fund

**Democracy
and human
rights**

Active citizenship

Protection of the environment and climate change

Children and youth, including children and youth at risk

Welfare and basic services to vulnerable groups

Fund for Bilateral Relations

The NGO Fund was aimed at fostering the development of a civil society, to promote social justice, democracy and sustainable development. The fund was part of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009 – 2014, in which the donor countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway contribute to reducing economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area. Considerable attention was paid to the development of bilateral relations between the donor countries and Slovakia. The financial contribution amounted to € 7.4 million.

The Fund was implemented through two programmes: **Active citizenship and inclusion**, which was managed by the Ekopolis Foundation, in partnership with the Foundation for Children of Slovakia and Socia – Social Reform Foundation and **Democracy and human rights** administered by the Open Society Foundation.

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160 informal forms of education and activities fostered youth mobilisation

59 conferences, courses, seminars, publications on exchange of know-how and best practises

21 monitoring, analyses and recommendations to improve the functioning of state institutions

108 public mobilization meetings, discussions, petitions, appeals to exert the pressure to improve the political culture

25 public administration watch-dog meetings, summer schools, manuals, education tools and materials

CALL	DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMME	BILATERAL FUND	TOTAL
1.	26	7	33
2.	37	12	49
3.	23	9	32

The programme **Democracy and human rights**, administered by the Open Society Foundation supported NGO projects in four areas: Democracy, good governance and transparency; Human rights including minority rights; Gender equality and combating gender-based violence; Fight against discrimination, racism and xenophobia and other forms of intolerance.

It was part of the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014, which ran from January 2013 to April 2016. The programme manager, NOS-OSF, to support the activities of non-governmental organizations through three open grant challenges was designated a total of € 3,199,910. To date, 3 171 555,98 € was redistributed.

The programme devoted its attention to the development of cooperation between the civil society and the public and private sectors through the promotion of partnerships at project level in all supported programme areas and for the reduction of economic and social disparities within the European Economic Area. A cross-sectional priority of the programme was to develop the capacity of NGOs and improve their position in society.

A specific objective was to develop bilateral cooperation between NGOs in Slovakia and non-governmental organizations, as well as public-private partnerships which are based in donor countries. The programme also aimed to support children and young people at risk and the specific needs of minorities.

During the course of the programme the following projects were supported: enhancing active citizenship; increasing the involvement of NGOs in policy making at all levels; supporting democratic values, including human rights; developing advocacy and watchdog activities; enhancing the capacity of NGOs; improving conditions for the functioning of civil society; empowering vulnerable groups. More than 60% of the budget was distributed in the first round, where the maximum duration of any project was 28 months; this was especially so for institutional grants to develop the capacities of organizations and in solving social problems. Whereas, the third round was aimed at supporting smaller organizations with a strong regional aspect, where the maximum sum of supported projects did not exceed € 15,000.

Program EÚ na podporu
kultúrnych a kreatívnych odvetví

PODPROGRAM KULTÚRA

- projekty európskej spolupráce
- preklady literárnych diel
- siete
- platformy

Kreatívna
Európa

WHERE THE HELL IS SLOVAKIA?

CZECHOSLOVAKIA? SLOVENIA?
NEAR TO VIENNA?



NADÁCIA
OTVORENEJ
SPOLOČNOSTI

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PROGRAM
DEMOKRACIA
A ĽUDSKÉ PRÁ**

Fund for NGOs Program
Democracy and Human R

Democracy, good governance and trans- parency

26 public/NGO consultations organized

29 meetings of governments' representatives, MPs and representatives of institutions with civil society representatives

16 trainings, seminars, educational and training activities for members of public administration

6 laws, policies and practices changed or improved as a consequence of NGO advocacy activities

The projects supported in this area were mainly focused on advocacy, watchdog and anti-corruption activities, thereby strengthening the role of NGOs and active citizens: in promoting democratic principles in society; implementation of the human rights documents in practice; improvement of the judiciary; strengthening of citizen participation in governance through the development of public policies; and monitoring their implementation.

SUPPORTED PROJECTS

PROJECT	ORGANIZATION	REALISATION PERIOD	GRANT
1st Call			
Public officials under public oversight	Aliancia Fair-play	6/2013 – 1/2015	105 000 €
Youth for Democracy	Člověk v tísni Slovensko	11/2013 – 5/2015	60 134,50 €
Opening Slovakia	Inštitút pre verejné otázky	7/2013 – 1/2015	73 575 €
Citizens for Democracy	LOToS – spolok lokálnych televíznych staníc Slovenska	12/2013 – 12/2014	33 391 €
Tools for increasing the employability of people with disability	Nezisková organizácia EPIC	9/2013 – 12/2015	68 814,50 €
The Guardian of Transparency and Democracy in the Field of Public Finance	Proti korupcii	9/2013 – 12/2015	74 677,80 €
Public Procurement Monitoring	Transparency International Slovensko	9/2013 – 1/2016	87 750 €
Personality of Judge – Key to Good Judiciary	VIA IURIS	10/2013 – 2/2016	104 925,10 €
TOTAL 1. CALL			608 267,90 €
2nd Call			
Whistleblowers protection tools in practice	Inštitút pre dobre spravovanú spoločnosť	11/2014 – 2/2016	29 934,80 €
ReStart Slovakia 2014	Centrum pre filantropiu	9/2014 – 5/2015	31 500 €
Strong citizens – accountable public power	Aliancia Fair-play	2/2015 – 1/2016	33 215 €
Heads are helping: Professionals advance public good through pro bono services	Nadácia Pontis	9/2014 – 12/2015	45 399,96 €
Public interests – public needs	Združenie Slatinka	10/2014 – 2/2016	33 975 €
Partnership for a creative Bratislava	A4 – asociácia združení pre súčasnú kultúru	12/2014 – 3/2016	44 316 €
Central European Forum 2014	Projekt Fórum	10/2014 – 10/2015	30 394,65 €
Slovakia for all	Nadácia Petit Academy	11/2014 – 12/2015	25 596 €
TOTAL 2. CALL			274 331,41 €
3d Call			
Together for the Open Judiciary	Občianske združenie Sudecovia „Za otvorenú justíciu“	10/2015 – 4/2016	14 259,92 €
Team Cooperation in Family Empowerment Using Family Group Conferencing	Spoločnosť priateľov detí z detských domovov Úsmev ako dar	9/2015 – 4/2016	14 895 €
Activity Opens Door	Karpatská nadácia	10/2015 – 4/2016	10 000 €
WhatCity? Forum	PUNKT	10/2015 – 4/2016	9 999,43 €
Creation of the models, methodologies and guidelines to eliminate the segregation of Roma pupils in schools for the needs of public policies	eduRoma – Roma education project	10/2015 – 4/2016	13 237 €
We can handle this	Výcviková škola pre vodiace a asistečné psy	9/2015 – 4/2016	9 000 €
Public awareness and participation in decision-making processes	Cyklokoalícia	10/2015 – 4/2016	13 446 €
TOTAL 3. CALL			84 837,35 €
TOTAL 1., 2. AND 3. CALL			967 437,23 €

ORGANIZATION:

A4 – asociácia združení pre súčasnú kultúru

www.a4.sk

GRANT:

44 316 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

12/2014 – 03/2016



Partnership for a creative Bratislava

*“We can be proud, but
the conditions for
survival are lacking.”*

From its budget for culture the capital is funding only subsidized organizations. The resources from the grant program *Ars Bratislavensis* are eligible only to those projects “promoting the city of Bratislava”, as if it is not promoted by every good activity. However, behind numerous good and exceptional activities are groups from the civic, non-governmental and independent cultural scene.

Both the city of Bratislava and the Bratislava region lack any strategy for the development of culture which would take into account the needs of independent cultural projects. Since the city does not have an effective and transparent method of support for non-governmental initiatives it is happening more often that good artists and cultural organizers either leave, cease to create or work with no profit.

A4 – an association of cooperatives for contemporary culture has decided to change the situation. The project *Partnership for a creative Bratislava* is linking up its existing initiatives and activities with other NGOs. A series of activities built from the ground up in cooperation with the town decided to work on the tool of cultural policy and creative economy. Thanks to the financial support it is able to do so consistently.

The end of 2015 saw the conference *Culture and the City: The power of attraction* held in Bratislava. Slovak and foreign experts sought answers to the questions as to whether Bratislava is cultural, what culture brings to the city, or what the conditions necessary for its development are.

Although to such questions there is no one single correct answer, it can be argued with certainty that in the long run it pays to invest time and finances in this sector. A cultural city is able to repay its residents with a good standard of living, and ideally, to create jobs.

ORGANIZATION:

Združenie Slatinka

www.slatinka.sk

GRANT:

33 975 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

10/2014 – 2/2016



Public interests – public needs

“Many activities and constructions of public benefit are faced with the criticism of local communities. Slatinka asks what is really in the public interest?”

Since the 50s of the last century the state has threatened to build the Slatinka hydroelectric project between Zvolenska Slatinka and Zvolen. The construction would flood a twelve-kilometer valley that has valuable biotopes. A village of the same name would also end up below the surface.

The Slatinka Association has been fighting against this plan for more than 20 years. It believes that there are greener, more social, and more preferred solutions. It has repeatedly encountered resistance to any debate on the public good of the state advocated investment. With the help of experts, members of the association have therefore examined how things really stand in Slovakia concerning matters of public interest and constructions of public benefit. The project prepared an analysis that had long been necessary and will help many local communities in Slovakia.

It appeared that there was an unwritten law that when it comes to “public benefit” local government and citizens should not question or investigate anything. The association discovered that if the public interest is inscribed in law there often lacks any clear definition, or the definitions vary. In other words public interest is more difficult to apply but very easy to manipulate.

Slatinka therefore decided to open a debate about precisely this phenomenon. It involved the municipalities, politicians and also young people. From the last group the association learned that despite the fact that, as future generations they will bear the consequences of decisions in the public interest, this term does not really say that much to them.

If someone claims that a hydroelectric project is a construction of public benefit; that does not mean it must be in reality. In general, it is in the public interest that which is needed by society. Slatinka repeatedly explains that nature is not a luxury, and it is also in the public interest to protect it.

One day Slatinka wants to renew life once more in a small village. Of the original inhabitants only a few remain. Who would stay in a place where matters of public service such as the post office, transport links and health care have gradually been done away?

ORGANIZATION:

VIA IURIS

www.viaiuris.sk

GRANT:

104 925,10 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

10/2013 – 2/2016

Za dobrú voľbu predsedu
Najvyššieho súdu SR



Personality of Judge – Key to Good Judiciary

“Through our campaign 3,800 people understood the importance of the election for the President of the Supreme Court and signed the appeal For a good choice.”

Judges have great power over our destiny and do not have to be prosecuted for their decisions. There are about 1,400 of them, and among them are real professionals, but also people with a different view of morality. Judges' performance has so far earned the distrust of 70 percent of people in Slovakia.

Between 2014 and 2015, significant changes to key posts occurred in the Slovak justice system. The President of the Supreme Court was elected and the selection of three new constitutional judges who replaced three others elected by parliament. The civic association Via Iuris therefore decided to draw the attention of the public to the persons and character of the judges.

The project Personality of Judge – Key to Good Judiciary allowed the association, in addition to an analysis of legal work, to launch an information campaign. With great emphasis, the project dealt with the function of the President of the Supreme Court. The association stressed in the campaign that this person sets the tone in the whole justice sector and should be an honourable and respected figure, who is representative of the entire judiciary.

An informative web, short video interviews and a video spot about the ailing justice – all presented in a popular, understandable way explained to the public that the election concerns them. The result was pleasing. According to the survey 60 percent of people knew that there would be an election for the President of the Supreme Court.

The appeal, in association with the campaign *For a good choice*, was signed by 3,800 people. A number of media outlets and intense communication between Via Iuris and the public contributed to social pressure and saw Stefan Harabin unelected as President of the Supreme Court.

Human rights, including minority rights

17 NGOs which secure access to citizens rights and/or redress

84 community development meetings and peer learning for vulnerable groups

The priorities in this area were the strengthening of respect for human and minority rights, improving the position of the disadvantaged because of their nationality, membership of a racial or ethnic origin, religion, age and health, and support the strengthening of multicultural dialogue. In a separate scheme in this area so-called small grants were delegated to support projects focused on the protection and respect of human and minority rights community organizations at the local level. Primarily (but not exclusively) support was targeted for: the development of Roma communities through activities for their members, including children and youth; promote participation of Roma and Roma women in public life and governance in their municipality / region; promote inclusive activities and activities aimed at overcoming the barriers between the Roma population and the majority population.

SUPPORTED PROJECTS

PROJECT	ORGANIZATION	REALISATION PERIOD	GRANT
1st Call			
Friends from the Web	4people	8/2013 – 10/2015	49 999 €
Promoting Equal Opportunities for Roma Generally and Romani Women Specifically through Temporary Equalizing Measures.	Centrum pre výskum etnicity a kultúry	9/2013 – 12/2015	85 000 €
Missing children	Liga za ľudské práva	8/2013 – 2/2015	36 000 €
Roma Documentation and Information Centre	Romano Kher	9/2013 – 12/2015	87 732 €
Dignified Life – Right not Privilege	Združenie na pomoc ľuďom s mentálnym postihnutím	9/2013 – 11/2015	104 976 €
TOTAL 1. CALL			363 707 €
2nd Call			
Don't judge a book by its cover	Amnesty International Slovensko	9/2014 – 8/2015	4 049,55 €
Young Roma students election competencies development	PROVENTUS	9/2014 – 8/2015	4 500 €
The Voice of Roma in School Policy	eduRoma – Roma education project	1/2015 – 6/2015	4 687,20 €
OPENROOM – Open Room for Development of Roma children and Youth	oz DIZAJN FÓRUM	9/2014 – 2/2015	4 500 €
My world – my rights	Amnesty International Slovensko	9/2014 – 1/2016	25 275 €
The Secrets from Diaries of Migrants on the Margin: More Inclusion for Beneficiaries of International Protection	Inštitút pre verejné otázky	9/2014 – 9/2015	42 429,70 €
Bystrany goes on.	Úspech, n.o.	10/2014 – 3/2015	3 525,12 €
Elementary school tolerance program for representatives of Roma and Hungarian minorities	Forum informačné centrum	9/2014 – 12/2015	5 000 €
Strengthening institutional protection and improving access to justice in cases of police violence in Slovakia	Poradňa pre občianske a ľudské práva	11/2014 – 3/2016	33 588,40 €
Writing and analyses of policy papers related to Roma youth policy	Pro Vobis	12/2014 – 8/2015	4 672,80 €
End of violence, time for rights	OZ Odyseus	10/2014 – 1/2016	44 609,23 €
TOTAL 2. CALL			176 837 €
3d Call			
Strengthening knowledge and skills NGO with targeted at children and youth at risk	SPOKOJNOSŤ – centrum sociálnych služieb, n.o.	10/2015 – 4/2016	7 997,40 €
Throw away prejudices and educate together	Silnejší slabším	10/2015 – 4/2016	4 500 €
Wheelchair Driving Licence	Bez bariér n.o.	9/2015 – 4/2016	4 858,42 €
Support and growth in MIXklub and MIXáčik	Detský fond Slovenskej republiky (DFSR)	9/2015 – 4/2016	4 949,97 €
Let's learn together	Centrum dobrovoľníctva	9/2015 – 4/2016	4 956 €
Young Roma students citizenship competencies development in Košice & Banská Bystrica region	PROVENTUS	9/2015 – 4/2016	4 500 €
Building capacities for monitoring human trafficking in marginalized communities	Platforma na podporu zdravia znevýhodnených skupín (PPZZS)	10/2015 – 4/2016	4 986 €
Law for all	Združenie STORM	10/2015 – 4/2016	14 299,20 €
TOTAL 3. CALL			51 050,39 €
TOTAL 1., 2. AND 3. CALL			591 590,99 €

ORGANIZATION:

Centrum pre výskum
etnicity a kultúry

www.cvek.sk

GRANT:

85 000 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

9/2013 – 12/2015



Promoting Equal Opportunities for Roma Generally and Romani Women Specifically through Temporary Equalizing Measures

“Thanks to the grant we were able to help more schools to set up and put into practice an innovative programme to support Roma students that continues after the project ends.”

Ten Roma students planned to enroll at a two-year vocational school just so they would have compulsory education behind them. In year nine, CVEK started working with them. They changed their original plan and decided to go to vocational schools that offer the opportunity to take their final exams and graduate. Four schoolgirls eventually passed the entrance exams for grammar school, commercial academy and secondary medical school. Two male and two female Roma students mastered the tests in September and began studying at the University of Economics in Bratislava.

We are talking about the results of the project You also have a chance! which was implemented by CVEK under the provision of the Anti-Discrimination Act on temporary special measures. Their aim is to ensure equal opportunities where individuals are disadvantaged. In this case, it was free preparatory courses for entrance exams, assistance with travel and accommodation, and assistance and orientation for admitted students. In doing so, the researchers collaborated with the University of Economics in Bratislava and the Trnava regional authorities.

The most efficient way is to focus on and work with children even before they enroll at primary school. CVEK however asks what if the transition to secondary school will mean for some that they find themselves even further on the fringes of society? The findings in the Trnava region, which is far from being one of the most challenging regions, have confirmed these assumptions. Studying is expensive. The families are unable to cover all the costs such as travel, accommodation and a computer. Therefore, the researchers in Skalica together with the teachers, educational counselors, city employees and parents prepared a plan to support Roma students. The results have appeared, these young people, who previously did not even have the courage to enroll, are studying at schools.

ORGANIZATION:

Združenie na pomoc
ľuďom s mentálnym
postihnutím

www.zpmpvsr.sk

GRANT:

104 976 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

9/2013 – 11/2015



Dignified Life – Right, not Privilege

“We were able to achieve a historic legislative amendment; from 1 July 2016 it will not be possible for anyone to be completely deprived of legal rights.”

Mentally challenged people are discriminated against in practically all areas of life. The situation has not changed significantly in a long time. They are not accepted as normal or fully-fledged members by the majority of society. Despite the existing conventions of the United Nations the majority of mentally challenged people have not reached equality before the law, nor in the exercise of their human rights.

The Association to Help Mentally Challenged People, within the framework of the project *Dignified Life – Right, not Privilege*, proposed a few solutions to the problems identified. The campaign *I do not want to, but I must* has undertaken to change the attitude of the majority of society towards mentally challenged people. It also decided to change the legislative environment by means of legal analyses and proposals for specific recommendations. It elaborated a model of comprehensive community-based care for the mentally challenged.

The association held 19 training seminars for 645 carers, parents, experts and 90 trainers in the field of responsibility proceedings for 71 mentally challenged people. It implemented four roundtables. Two recommendations for the Ministry of Education were drawn up. It developed two legal analyses and five manuals, published five publications and one book.

Finally, it achieved fundamental changes to the legislation as witnessed by the Justice Department accepting the remarks made by the association concerning the new Civil Non-contentious Code. From July 2016 it will not be possible for anyone to be entirely deprived of their legal rights.

ORGANIZATION:

OZ Odysseus

www.odysseus.org

GRANT:

44 609,23 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

10/2014 – 1/2016



End of violence, time for rights

“Helping people working in the sex business in Slovakia does not enjoy much support. We, however, managed to get the topic of violence against sex workers into the public consciousness.”

One of the most common problems faced by women working as street based sex workers is violence. Bottles to the head, ridicule, insults, threats, as well as assault or rape. The civic association Odysseus found that this violence is perpetrated mainly by customers and passers-by, but also by policemen and policewomen.

Slowly but surely, violence against women can be spoken about, whereas violence against women working in the sex business is unfortunately still given no attention. Selling sexual services does not however give anyone the right to hurt these women at the same time. Thanks to support from the project *End of violence, time for rights* Odysseus utilized an information campaign to reach out to the general public. In addition, they were able to develop cooperation with the police and their own organizational capacity.

The association operates normally and in the field. Thanks to the project, they managed to track violent incidents. From the 40 questionnaires collected they learned that most of the women in the sex business have experience of violence, some of them repeatedly. The questionnaires provided the association with very valuable information. On the basis of the evidence the services can be adapted to the needs of the clients. Testimonies of these women may help to clarify many cases. The best case scenario will see just penalties for the offenders. It also has the potential to detect cases of trafficking in people.

An important part of the project was also a handbook *Help and Protect Yourself* giving information on police jurisdiction. There are also tips on how officers of the law and women in the sex business should communicate. The content of the booklet was contributed to a woman working in the sex business and a former policeman.

Gender equality and combatting gender- -based violence

13 NGOs providing assistance and support for victims of gender based violence and discrimination

6 NGOs responding to the needs of women exposed to violence and for their children

This area of support focused mainly on: promoting gender equality; promoting the common responsibility of men and women in eliminating gender inequalities; prevention of unequal treatment based on sex and / or gender at work and in private life, including respect for women's rights as part of human rights; and in combatting gender-based violence.

SUPPORTED PROJECTS

PROJECT	ORGANIZATION	REALISATION PERIOD	GRANT
1st Call			
TransFúzia – capacity building of trans* organisation	TransFúzia	10/2013 – 9/2015	50 000 €
When traditions hurt	QUO VADIS	9/2013 – 12/2015	56 000 €
Love ≠ violence	Žena v tiesni	9/2013 – 1/2015	65 163 €
Supporting the implementation of Slovakia's obligations in the area of women's human rights to promote systemic changes in the elimination and prevention of discrimination against women, including gender based violence, by public institutions	Občan, demokracia a zodpovednosť	10/2013 – 4/2015	68 750 €
Advocating towards the ratification and implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence	Možnosť voľby	8/2013 – 7/2015	97 455 €
Civic Participation of Roma Women	In Minorita	9/2013 – 10/2015	56 492 €
Increasing availability and quality of specialized protection, help and support of women experiencing gender based violence	Fenestra	10/2013 – 1/2016	121 221 €
Increasing Gender Competence through Publications and Educational Activities	ASPEKT	11/2013 – 6/2015	80 928 €
TOTAL 1. CALL			596 009 €
2nd Call			
Q-center: LGBTI counselling in Slovakia	Queer Leaders Forum	10/2014 – 1/2016	49 560 €
Advocacy activities focused on the improvement of institutional protection and support of human rights in the Slovak Republic with the emphasis on the human rights of women and on implementation of the principle of gender equality in public policies	Občan, demokracia a zodpovednosť	9/2014 – 1/2016	46 424,90 €
A Room of Her Own	EsFem	10/2014 – 12/2015	45 039,40 €
Together for all families	Iniciatíva Inakosť	9/2014 – 2/2016	30 188,15 €
Promoting Networking Processes of Women's NGOs Working in the Field of Violence against Women with a view to Creating a Formal National Network	Fenestra	12/2014 – 4/2016	47 385,20 €
Gender sensitization of university students – future teachers	Phoenix	10/2014 – 1/2016	23 988,20 €
Support and assistance for women suffering from violence and their children through implementation of programs for perpetrators of violence	Aliancia žien Slovenska	11/2014 – 3/2016	35 302,50 €
TOTAL 2. CALL			277 888,35 €
3d Call			
Together Against Human Trafficking	Človek v ohrození	9/2015 – 4/2016	12 631,50 €
We are not alone	Saplinq	9/2015 – 4/2016	14 967 €
Female First Educational Campaign	CHARACTER – Film Development Association	10/2015 – 4/2016	15 000 €
Sexism is not sexi	Aliancia žien – Cesta späť	10/2015 – 4/2016	13 680,07 €
Changing attitudes towards gender-based violence, with emphasis on Roma communities	AMARO NIPO	9/2015 – 4/2016	12 390 €
Young Roma students gender tolerance development in Gemer & Malohont region	Stredoeurópsky manažérsky a rozvojový inštitút	9/2015 – 4/2016	9 000 €
TOTAL 3. CALL			77 668,57 €
TOTAL 1., 2. AND 3. CALL			951 565,92 €

ORGANIZATION:

Možnosť voľby

www.moznostvolby.sk

GRANT:

97 455 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

8/2013 – 7/2015



Advocating towards the ratification and implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence

“Violence against women is not only a women’s issue.”

The civic association *Freedom of Choice* has been fighting long term for the rights of women and gender equality. It stresses that with the ratification of the so-called Istanbul Convention, Slovakia has moved a little closer to the protection of women against violence. The project *Support the ratification and implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence* allowed the association to create a large system of logical steps that responded to a number of problems relating to the enforcement of the rights of women subjected to violence.

The Convention regulates the duties of the state in the protection and promotion of women exposed to violence. It also treats the sphere of prevention and creation of integrated policies. Neither does it omit questions concerning punishment of the perpetrator, or the collection of any necessary facts. Put simply, it can be understood as comprehensive and detailed instructions on how to deal with violence against women in Europe.

First, it was necessary to educate people and make them aware of the Istanbul Convention. Freedom of Choice therefore prepared seminars and workshops. The association has developed a training manual for educating people about this document. At the same time they started a public campaign fronted by numerous popular personalities. Several well-known men took part in the campaign who together sent out the message to Slovakia that the bell should be uncompromisingly tolled for violence against women. For the first time, thanks to strong support from men, the topic of violence against women managed to get rid of the label that it is only a woman’s problem.

The project contributed to the fact that the Convention has become a real instrument of social change towards gender equality and brought women subjected to violence a real opportunity to live their lives safely, freely and without the daily threat of violence.

ORGANIZATION:

Občan, demokracia
a zodpovednosť
www.odz.sk

GRANT:

46 424,90 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

9/2014 – 1/2016



Advocacy activities focused on the improvement of institutional protection and support of human rights in the Slovak Republic with the emphasis on the human rights of women and on implementation of the principle of gender equality in public policies

“The project has helped to open a topic that everyone seems to have previously turned a blind eye to. It is the violation of the human rights of women in childbirth.”

Gender stereotypes are deeply rooted in society. None of the human rights of women and those rights stemming from the requirements of gender equality reach the desired level. Eliminating discrimination against women in the labour market and in the area of reproductive rights have long featured among the priorities of the civil association *Citizen, Democracy and Responsibility*. A serious problem for example is the disrespect to, or at times violent treatment of women in childbirth in health facilities. In addition to the often traumatic experience of childbirth, women’s reproductive rights are also commonly a trigger for a series of further discrimination, for example in the labour market.

The project was a follow up on its previous activities for the association. It provided advice to women discriminated against in the labour market, as well as those whose rights are violated in childbirth. For selected clients it also provided legal assistance, including representation in court. Furthermore, the association applied itself to advocacy activities, monitoring, commenting on legislation and negotiation with the relevant public authorities. A new activity was the analysis and processing of examples of functioning institutions for the protection of women’s human rights abroad. Of these, the association has formulated recommendations for setting up such institutions in Slovakia.

The benefits of the project include successful cases of strategic litigation where the association operates. It may also serve as a precedent in legal cases dealing with discrimination against women in the labour market. The association managed to involve young people in the project activities. All the activities contributed to improving the quality of public discourse and sensitization. The association even managed to open the topic of women’s rights violations during birth at international level.

ORGANIZATION:

Quo Vadis

www.quovadis-oz.sk

GRANT:

56 000 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

09/2013 – 12/2015



When traditions hurt

“Violence has been experienced by every second Roma woman and one in ten has been threatened.”

Discrimination against women is not a myth. Gender inequality is experienced in many situations. This concerns even more those who are subject to multiple types of discrimination. The association Quo Vadis is based on the belief that formal equality between men and women is not enough.

The project *When Traditions Hurt* focuses on violence against women in Roma communities. The project cooperative has helped in several areas: they succeeded in getting the subject into the media; awareness about the problem was increased via seminars and blogs. The publications *Confessions of Roma Women* and *When Traditions Hurt* were also published. The topic deals with six short videos and a public photo exhibition called *Just Think* that brings images of gender stereotypes from Dodo Klimko.

Between 2014 and 2015, thanks to the project, the cooperative managed to conduct a survey on the prevalence and forms of violence against women in 51 marginalized communities in eleven districts in the Banská Bystrica region. A total of 202 respondents confirmed that violence against women is a major problem in marginalized communities. Slaps, thumps and kicks are experienced by every other woman and every tenth faces threats against their children, of suicide, beatings or being killed.

Finally, during the project, the association managed to achieve accreditation for two training programmes. They trained 20 female leaders who are active in the community and strengthen the dignity of Roma women in society. Of great importance is the women’s platform *Don’t try to tear us apart!* which was established on the initiative of Roma women with the intention of cooperating with women overcoming different types of barriers and disadvantages when exposed to multiple types of discrimination.

Fight against dis- crimination, racism and xenophobia

6 Human rights / Minority rights/ Gender Equality campaigns

46 NGOs using participatory approaches to engage vulnerable groups

Support for projects in this area was aimed at promoting zero tolerance for expressions of denying the principles of equality, with special emphasis on discrimination, extremism, racism, Hate Speech, xenophobia, tolerance and multicultural understanding. Within this area of support, the small grants scheme focused on supporting projects that address the threat of injustice and hate violence; the need for coherence in favour of development of municipalities with a share of a minority population; consequences of segregation in schools and public life; understanding of expressions of verbal hate in the sphere of public life; promote participation in decision-making and policy-making; enforcing the principle of citizen participation at local level.

SUPPORTED PROJECTS

PROJECT	ORGANIZATION	REALISATION PERIOD	GRANT
1st Call			
Racial Prejudices and Discrimination in children's homes – a time for change	Centrum pre výskum etnicity a kultúry	1/2014 – 6/2015	44 235 €
Sered' Testimonies	EDAH	8/2013 – 6/2015	75 786 €
Sport Unites (Different Colours, One Game)	Inštitút pre medzikultúrny dialóg	10/2013 – 6/2015	72 352,76 €
Rainbow Year	Nomantinel	10/2013 – 1/2016	74 931,75 €
Improving access to justice in cases of discrimination in Slovakia	Poradňa pre občianske a ľudské práva	9/2013 – 1/2016	93 884 €
TOTAL 1. CALL			361 189,51 €
2nd Call			
Camping football talent	Obnova	9/2014 – 1/2015	4 094 €
Breaking prejudices	Brány Európy	9/2014 – 12/2014	4 500 €
News from behind the village	Človek v tísní Slovensko	2/2015 – 3/2016	31 500 €
Film Club Amnesty	Amnesty International Slovensko	9/2014 – 1/2016	4 793,40 €
Who's behind the door?	Človek v tísní Slovensko	2/2015 – 8/2015	5 000 €
Bridge always has two ends	Mládež ulice	9/2014 – 8/2015	29 450 €
Rainbow Education	Queer Leaders Forum	1/2015 – 12/2015	3 396,37 €
We build bridges	Centrum komunitného organizovania	10/2014 – 6/2015	3 518 €
PRIDE Rainbow Košice – We are in this together	Saplinq	9/2014 – 2/2016	4 189,50 €
Misery in Slovakia / with experiences boost awareness of teen – agers to vulnerable group of Roma and remove discriminatory and racial behaviour	Divadlo Potôň	11/2014 – 11/2015	59 978,80 €
Facts Against Homophobia	Iniciatíva Inakosť	1/2015 – 4/2016	20 000 €
TOTAL 2. CALL			170 420,07 €
3d Call			
Half-way house – equality for everybody in the house	Stredisko Evanjelickej Diakonie „útulok Dom na polceste“	10/2015 – 4/2016	8 087,99 €
Education opens the way	Ulita	10/2015 – 4/2016	4 261,63 €
TOTAL 3. CALL			12 349,62 €
TOTAL 1., 2. AND 3. CALL			543 959,20 €

ORGANIZATION:

Člověk v tísni – Slovensko

www.peopleinneed.sk

GRANT:

31 500 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

2/2015 – 3/2016



News from behind the village

“Discrimination is real and common in the lives of Roma children. Often they were not aware of it, because it is perceived as a part of life.”

The organization People in Need Slovensko, in the course of their work in the Prešov region, regularly comes across racial intolerance and other forms of intolerance particularly those affecting children and young people who already face a host of other barriers. It has decided, therefore, to discuss more on this topic with them, and to work on various activities to improve the situation.

It focused primarily on pupils in years five to nine in primary schools and secondary schools. Members of the organization come into contact with them all during their activities in community centres and in the region. The project was implemented in areas where People in Need has been working for a long time. These are Roškovce-Dolány, Sveržov, Prešov and Petrovany.

The aim was to strengthen the awareness of young people and their ability to respond to stereotypes and discriminatory situations in their communities. Young people involved in the project can then spread the ideas of tolerance and fight against all forms and manifestations of intolerance. Through various other project activities the wider community and other local residents also became involved.

By means of anti-discrimination training, meeting a trainer, and experiential learning, the children are taught how to identify and respond to the classic stereotypes and discriminatory situations which they experience in their surroundings and everyday life. The project activities also included creative meetings whereby the children created their own newspapers and comic books which tell what they have learned, but also what they believe are the most common social barriers.

ORGANIZATION:

Nomantinelns

www.duhovyrok.sk

GRANT:

74 931,75 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

10/2013 – 1/2016



Rainbow Year

“Personal stories from LGBT people help tear down prejudices. We are showing them through theatre, exhibitions, creative workshops...”

Many people from the LGBT community cannot live their own real lives every day. They hide their true identity and live in isolation or even fear. Others have experienced discrimination and violence when they reveal their identity. It is necessary to promote and protect the fundamental rights of the LGBT community, so that they too can live in dignity.

Continuing prejudices and homophobia are behind the situation mentioned above. According to theatre Nomantinelns the public do not have enough opportunities to get factual information and learn about the problems they are faced by LGBT people. Perhaps it is the fault of inadequately prepared legislation that would confer on all LGBT people the same rights as enjoyed by others. Likewise, this topic is insufficiently addressed in schools. Children and young people therefore do not receive objective information that would correct their stereotypical views of their surroundings.

The theatre therefore prepared a series of research, cultural and information activities focusing on the history, stories and culture of LGBT people. To make them more visible and open discussion about them the organization decided to also approach students, youth and children. With the help of theatre arts the stereotypes in people's minds are changing. So far, in addition to performing in Bratislava, they have acted in Košice, Žilina, or Topoľčany.

The literary competition Kvírenie, literary evenings, creative writing workshops, a film festival, theatre performances and sporting events have all contributed in bringing the topic of the LGBT community and suppression of homophobia to the fore. Thanks to the project historical research on LGBT activism in Slovakia has been realized. The public were made aware of the story and work of the first gay activist Imre Matyáš, who is credited with having the law against homosexuality repealed. Against the background of his story a play was written, exhibitions and discussions have been held and publications issued. The result of all these activities was an information campaign *LGBT history month*.

ORGANIZATION:

Divadlo Pôtoň

www.poton.sk

GRANT:

59 978,80 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

11/2014 – 11/2015



Misery in Slovakia / with experiences boost awareness of teen – agers to vulnerable group of Roma and remove discriminatory and racial behaviour

“Young people often do not understand the negative charge in the word nationalism. When they learn the connection, they can reconsider their opinion.”

One of the most traumatic periods in the history of Slovakia is the war-time state led by Jozef Tiso. Over the course of its existence, the country, for more than five years, systematically oppressed citizens based on their nationality, religion and orientation. Worryingly, decades after the end of this state order, radical moods, ideologies, but also deeds are arising and flourishing.

The theatre Potôň from Bátovce therefore decided to educate young people about the social situation in the country through an experience medium. The project *Psota in Slovakia* is based on the results of the last regional elections in the Banská Bystrica region and also from the present day increase in support for far-right and extremist parties and movements in the European Union. The theatre has decided to discuss nationalism, national identity and attitudes towards otherness so that young people can raise their awareness about the vulnerability of minorities and remove discriminatory and racist behaviour.

In 2015, the theatre organized 20 one-day events for pupils from the Nitra and Banská Bystrica regions. The pupils, along with their teachers and others, participated in the presentation of *A Country of Uncut Meadows*, which is then discussed with experts. They also participated in workshops and discussions in which they found themselves in direct contact with the emotive life stories of Roma. The theatre forced the pupils and students to confront their beliefs with facts and contexts. The organizers say that thanks to the project, some participants were able to review their position on the issues of nationalism and discrimination after one day spent in this way.

Bilateral fund

Bilateral Fund aimed to support networking, building partnerships, knowledge exchange, technology, experience, know-how and best practice between bodies in the Slovak Republic and operators in donor countries and international organizations.

SUPPORTED PROJECTS

PROJECT	ORGANIZATION	REALISATION PERIOD	GRANT
1st Call			
Leaders without borders	Orbis Institute	5/2013 – 6/2013	1 650 €
Better society by lobbying	Slovenské centrum pre komunikáciu a rozvoj	5/2013 – 6/2013	1 650 €
Tools for increasing the employability of people with disability	EPIC	5/2013 – 6/2013	1 650 €
Improving participation of NGOs in decision making processes	Centrum vzdelávania neziskových organizácií	5/2013 – 6/2013	1 650 €
Personality of Judge – Key to Good Judiciary	Via Iuris	5/2013 – 6/2013	1 650 €
Capacity-building in non-governmental organisations for gender equality and protection of women’s human rights	Občan, demokracia a zodpovednosť	5/2013 – 6/2013	1 650 €
Supporting implementation of Slovakia’s obligations in the area of women’s human rights to promote system changes in the elimination and prevention of discrimination against	Občan, demokracia a zodpovednosť	5/2013 – 6/2013	1 650 €
TOTAL 1. CALL			11 550 €
2nd Call			
Sered’ Testimonies	EDAH o.z.	3/2015 – 6/2015	6 174 €
My world – my rights	Amnesty International, Slovensko	3/2014 – 1/2016	1 650 €
Transport – a public matter	Podnikateľská aliancia Slovenska	3/2014 – 3/2014	1 650 €
Public interests – public needs	Slatinka	3/2014 – 3/2014	1 650 €
Heads are helping	Nadácia Pontis	3/2014 – 3/2014	1 650 €
Improvement of position of disabled and socially dependant people in the society	Asociácia na ochranu práv pacientov SR	3/2014 – 3/2014	1 650 €
The Case of the School in Šarišské Michaľany – From Segregation to Inclusive Education	eduRoma	3/2014 – 3/2014	1 650 €
Together against right-wing extremism	Inštitút pre občianske vzdelávanie	3/2014 – 3/2014	1 650 €
The Marked Generation	EDAH o.z.	3/2014 – 3/2014	1 650 €
My World – My Rights	Amnesty International Slovensko	9/2014 – 1/2016	5 085 €
Heads are helping: Professionals advance public good through pro bono services	Nadácia Pontis	11/2014 – 12/2015	5 800 €
V4*trans networking	TransFúzia	10/2014 – 8/2015	8 910 €
TOTAL 2. CALL			39 169 €
3d Call			
SLOVAK and UNESCO representations partnership for addressing xenophobia through education	Rada mládeže Žilinského kraja	2/2016 – 4/2014	6 734,20 €
Encouraging municipalities engagement in refugee and migrant integration: good practices from Norway	Centrum pre výskum etnicity a kultúry	2/2016 – 4/2014	8 442 €
Fighting shell companies study exchange	Transparency International Slovensko	2/2016 – 4/2014	5 116 €
Together for tolerance	KASPIAN	2/2016 – 4/2014	4 338,44 €
GENERATION 2020 cross border youth network	Karpatská nadácia	2/2016 – 4/2014	9 398 €
WhatCity? Network	Punkt	2/2016 – 4/2014	6 400 €
Refugees during the Holocaust	EDAH o.z.	2/2016 – 4/2014	9 792 €
As you work with young and homeless people in Iceland ?	Mládež ulice	2/2016 – 4/2014	9 553 €
Study visit ‘PRIDE and beyond’	Sapling	2/2016 – 4/2014	6 510 €
TOTAL 3. CALL			66 283,64 €
TOTAL 1., 2. AND 3. CALL			117 002,64 €

ORGANIZATION:

EDAH

www.edah.sk

GRANT:

6 174 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

3/2015 – 6/2015



Sered' Testimonies

„It is necessary to learn from history and to look for parallels between what happened then and what we might be heading towards, and what needs to be done for prevention of these things.“

In Slovak primary and secondary schools the topic of the Holocaust and the general history of minorities in Slovakia is given quite unsatisfactory attention. Especially educational materials which address the issue of the Holocaust from the perspective of Slovakia.

The civic association EDAH reacted to this state with the project Sered' Testimonies. It maps the shortcomings in the curriculum and fills those gaps encountered while working outside of the schools. Therefore, the project is based on long-term research with an emphasis on oral history, to make available and distribute quality educational materials and finally to motivate the teachers to learn. Thanks to the project certain educational materials were created – publications and documentaries. Their main benefit is that the project enhanced the knowledge of the younger generation about minorities and their history in Slovakia.

Association members also participate in various international activities in research and education on the Holocaust and combatting racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism. With support from the Bilateral Fund closer cooperation with the Norwegian organization Falstadsenteret and the Jødiske Museum in Trondheim have been forged. Common activities were targeted at exchange of know-how in the field of research and education at expert level and the presentation of the minority Jewish culture and history to the general public through lectures.

Norwegian and Slovak experts could, therefore, compare their work in research and education on the Holocaust and human rights and to present it to both Slovak and Norwegian audiences. EDAH focused on educating and specific projects of the participating institutions that were able to assess the parallels and specifics of educating about human rights and the level of their work in the fight against anti-Semitism, racism and xenophobia. They intend to continue with the cooperation and to capitalize on it in future projects, focusing particularly on youth education.

Predefined project

Priorities of the NGO Fund were also developed through Predefined project of the Democracy and Human Rights Programme, which created an added value to individual areas of support.



Masturhate and Say it to my face

„Criticize, but don't hate! A campaign against hate speech had an impact on nearly 1.5 million people in Slovakia.“



The priority for the activities of the Open Society Foundation in its broadest sense are education and sensitization of society concerning those issues which inherently affect human rights and values in our society and which often cause social polarization. These include the fight against hate in the online environment, the so-called. hate speech. Hateful expression on the Internet, as a continually strengthening phenomenon, constantly requires comprehensive solutions. Therefore, through predefined project of Democracy and Human Rights Programme, the foundation implemented educational events and further education activities in the area of hate speech. Among other things, it applied itself along with members of the academic and journalistic community to this topic, responding to the need for adequate skills in dealing with hate speech in the media world and academia. A seminar in Banská Štiavnica brought hands-on expertise as well as practical examples from academics, researchers, and also blogger personalities.

Within the framework of the projects Masturhate and Say it to my face the foundation has developed research and analysis aimed at the behaviour of online haters. At the same time it conducted two successful communication campaigns. One, the international campaign I do not masturhate in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Austria, Italy and Slovakia, mobilized passive participants in online discussions to draw attention to the impropriety of hateful behaviour. The fight against hate-speech was presented in the media and at public events, such as the biggest Slovak music festival Pohoda 2014. The campaign Say it to my face again drew attention to the consequences of hate speech. A video campaign featuring celebrities had an impact on nearly 1.5 million Facebook users (as opposed to the expected 200,000) and was viewed more than 700,000 times. Consequently, the issue of hate speech actually managed to become the centre of attention and public debate.

Active Citizenship and Inclusion programme





70

NGOs' projects

13

bilateral grants

46 projects included activities that encourage multicultural understanding, gender balance and involvement of marginalised groups, including Roma, foster equal opportunities

44 actions and new mechanisms fostering public dialogue

54 decisions of public institutions that were influenced by participative processes

introduction of **16** measures contributing to social inclusion of vulnerable groups

more than **700** people from vulnerable groups benefited from improved access to work opportunities and from social inclusion

15 new biodiversity protection measures:

22 new climate change adaptation measures

more than **2 300** clients reported access to welfare/social services that are responsive to their needs

NGOs entered in **15** new communities that started to work on solving the needs and problems of young people and children.

more than **1 900** children and young people have been actively involved in implementation of activities undertaken within supported projects

The Active Citizenship and Inclusion programme (henceforth “the Programme”) was a grant scheme which aims to support activities of non-governmental organizations involved in: participatory democracy; the reduction of social inequalities; poverty and exclusion; support for children and youth; environmental protection; and social services.

Horizontal priorities of the Programme were to promote bilateral cooperation between Slovak NGOs and partners from donor countries, development of the capacities of non-governmental organizations and enhancing the position of NGOs in society.

A special interest of the Program was paid to supporting projects with broader positive impact in society, especially when reducing hate speech, extremism, racism, anti-Semitism and xenophobia, encourage multicultural understanding, gender balance and involvement of marginalised groups, including Roma, foster equal opportunities and suppressing sexual harassment, violence against women and trafficking.

The programme supported projects of NGOs through open calls in four areas of support:

- 1) Active citizenship,
- 2) Protection of the environment and climate change,
- 3) Children and youth, including children and youth at risk,
- 4) Welfare and basic services to vulnerable groups.

The programme was operated by the consortium led by the Ekopolis Foundation in partnership with the Foundation for Children of Slovakia and Socia – the Social Reform Foundation. The programme was implemented in the period from January 2013 to April 2016 with a total financial allocation of 3 167 000 € to support NGO projects, including the allocation of 100 000 € to promote bilateral cooperation.



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Active citizenship

14 538 people involved
in public participation action

13 measures contributing to better
access to work for people in poverty

Support for projects in this area focused on the development of participatory democracy and to reduce social inequalities, poverty and exclusion, even in rural areas. Special interest was given to projects that had an impact on reducing hate speech, expressions of extremism, racism and xenophobia, and to contribute to multicultural understanding and cooperation, especially with the Roma community.

SUPPORTED PROJECTS

PROJECT	ORGANIZATION	REALISATION PERIOD	GRANT
1. call			
Production of bioseeds – the key to development of sustainable green economy	Svatobor, o.z.	9/2013 – 2/2015	60 000 €
HerbAid	No Gravity	8/2013 – 4/2015	59 776 €
Support of active citizenship, community centres and community activity	Centrum komunitného organizovania, o.z.	7/2013 – 1/2015	60 998 €
White Crow	Aliancia Fair-play	7/2013 – 3/2015	27 977 €
ZAhrada (Garden)	Záhrada – centrum nezávislej kultúry, n.o.	7/2013 – 12/2014	59 774 €
Rural Employment – Opportunities and Challenges	Národné centrum pre rovnosť príležitostí, n.o.	7/2013 – 12/2014	57 916 €
Development and support of active citizenship in online	Centrum pre filantropiu, n.o.	7/2013 – 5/2015	39 975 €
Public labour market policies	Inštitút zamestnanosti, o.z.	7/2013 – 12/2014	37 806 €
The Walls of Sports 2013	Truc sphérique, o.z.	7/2013 – 12/2014	10 800 €
TOTAL 1. CALL			415 022 €
2. call			
Nota bene – the Baggage Man	Proti prúdu	5/2014 – 12/2015	61 642 €
Theatre of the Oppressed	Divadlo bez domova	4/2014 – 9/2015	75 890 €
Use of crowd sourcing to increase capacity in the control of management of public finances	Aliancia Fair-play	5/2014 – 4/2015	10 974 €
BEEznis–beekeeping as opportunity for education and social enterprising	kRaj	4/2014 – 12/2015	59 492 €
Second Swallow	Združenie mladých Rómov	5/2014 – 9/2015	57 500 €
With Citizen Comes Law	Via Iuris	5/2014 – 10/2015	59 598 €
Campaign to keep the Free Access to Information Act powerful	Transparency international Slovakia	4/2014 – 11/2015	48 646 €
How to Tackle Poverty?	Nadácia Milana Šimečku	4/2014 – 10/2015	52 890 €
Conscious Youth	ZADOBE	5/2014 – 1/2016	37 386 €
Civic sector – strong partner: Effective participation of civil society in programming of EU funds	Priatel'ia Zeme – CEPA	4/2014 – 11/2015	53 341 €
Jump – through Non-Formal Education to Active Citizenship	Voices	4/2014 – 9/2015	51 087 €
Watch BBSK	Quo Vadis	4/2014 – 10/2015	50 000 €
Trampoline	Karpatská nadácia	5/2014 – 5/2015	39 270 €
TOTAL 2. CALL			657 716 €
Predefined project			
Active Citizens Everywhere	PDCS	10/2013 – 1/2016	97 088 €
TOTAL 1. AND 2. CALL			1 169 826 €

ORGANIZATION:

Proti prúdu

www.notabene.sk

PARTNER:

Stiftelsen Erlik

GRANT:

61 642 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

5/2014 – 12/2015



Nota bene – the Baggage Man

„In Bratislava railway station, thanks to the project, passengers can regularly meet the smiling luggage porters.”

For homeless people the difficulty is obtaining legal work and for many of them the challenge is to then keep it. After years on the streets they are no longer able to face obstacles, many lost their working habits or have poor health and cannot meet the high demands of employers. Of course, the labour market is small and the competition big. Moreover, although they find a job they still have not won, because their income is often burdened with debt and foreclosures or they simply have blocked bank accounts. Despite their good intentions and full-time dedication to work they are still at subsistence minimum each month.

The association Proti prúdu (Against the Current) has been giving homeless people the chance of a decent income and self-esteem for almost 15 years. Their many years of experience have resulted in a project employing the homeless. In Bratislava railway station, thanks to the project, passengers can regularly meet the smiling luggage porters. It is a professional public service which has a social dimension. This work, which is permanent employment, changes those needing help to those who help themselves. It gives them a feeling that they belong somewhere, thus improving their self-confidence. They learn to work in a team, gain new skills and also greater stability.

The regular income allows them to rely on themselves concerning expenses such as: accommodation in a hostel, public transport costs or repayments of debts which are for homeless people one of the barriers to legal employment.

The programme is linked not only to providing regular work, but also intensive individual social counselling, assistance and a model of deleveraging. The porters are debited with enforced payments as well as being able to pay the usual cost of living and in addition are able to put something aside to cover their debts to the health insurance and create the necessary financial reserves for the future. The project has by degrees created jobs for ten porters who in 211 services have worked a total exceeding a thousand hours. At least five of them are still employed after completion of the project.

ORGANIZATION:

Aliancia Fair-play

www.bielavrana.sk, www.fair-play.sk

GRANT:

27 977 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

7/2013 – 3/2015



White Crow

„Thus, the white crow award has gradually become generalised and is used for those who refuse to look on the abuse of public authority and administration, although they have not officially received this award.”

Despite a developed democracy Slovakia is still far from good governance. Evidenced by the failure of public administration in matters of efficiency, ethics and transparency and accompanied by arrogance, corruption, waste of public money or the favouring of private interests. There are not many options as to how ordinary citizens can prevent this phenomenon.

One of them is however in the uncovering of such practices; in making public and the naming of the insiders because they are often the only ones who can reliably prove any misuse and wasteful use of the public organizations in which they work. They are called whistle-blowers and without a doubt they take great risks – from losing their jobs, threats, intimidation, criminal complaints to paradoxical mockery from their surroundings.

However, thanks to the project White Crow better times are dawning. The most visible element of the project is the annual awarding of several “white crows” which is always symbolically done on the Struggle for Freedom and Democracy Day (November 17). The awards attract attention, which in turn highlights the scandals and launches public debate; and there is at least the attempt to give the crows some degree of self-contentment. In addition, it inspires and gives courage to any new and as yet undiscovered “white crows”.

Besides the award the white crow also receives advice on matters such as the labour law or in finding new employment. The project also gets into the public consciousness thanks to portable exhibitions, information stands, discussions and training. There were two publications: one describes the history of the awards and introduces all the white crows since its inception, the second summarizes experience and advice for a whistle-blower.

Thus, the white crow award has gradually become generalised and is used for those who refuse to look on the abuse of public authority and administration, although they have not officially received this award. The symbol and principles of the project strengthen and with them the way to better management of the country.

ORGANIZATION:

Združenie mladých Rómov

www.youngroma.sk

GRANT:

57 500 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

5/2014 – 9/2015



Second Swallow

“The project clearly showed that in the appropriate occupational activity Roma are equal workers. They value the jobs they obtain and try to keep them.”

One of the most common prejudices about the Roma is that they do not want and cannot work, do not have the necessary qualifications and lack work ethics. With such discrimination, they cannot get a job, regardless of whether or not they want to work.

The main objective of the project Second Swallow is to break these prejudices and show the Roma as a hardworking and reliable partner in business. The basic idea was simple. An association of young Roma decided to create a functioning business in a rundown building in the industrial area in the village Valaská – a laundry for lodging facilities in the wider surroundings.

The project consisted of two phases. In the first phase of the project, the nine-member construction team, under expert supervision, consulted on the reconstruction of the building. The results were rooms, ready to start running the laundry. In the second stage they procured the washing machines, spin dryers and irons, prepared the necessary documents and employed the ten workers for the laundry and ironing. Meanwhile, sales representatives started offering the services near and far. They focused on simple marketing and building supplier-customer relations.

However, there were also problems. Employment support is greatly limited by legislation and a complex problem proved to be the lack of trust of potential customers to such a social enterprise. The association, however, was undeterred and embarked on how to combat prejudice with a new business strategy. While it will take time until the business gets out of the red, but significant contracts are coming in and with them the proof that the Second Swallow project showed one of the right ways of employing Roma. In suitable business activities Roma are equal workers who do not have problems with work habits or work ethic. On the contrary, they value jobs they obtain and try to keep them.

Protection of the environment and climate change

more than **3 300** hectares of localities
with improved biodiversity protection

467 teachers were involved in various
environmental education activities

The priority of this area of support was to contribute to greater public participation in addressing environmental problems, especially in biodiversity conservation issues and problems associated with climate change, as well as to raise awareness and improve the quality of environmental education.

SUPPORTED PROJECTS

PROJECT	ORGANIZATION	REALISATION PERIOD	GRANT
1. výzva			
Concept of Environmental Education in the Slovak Republic – steps forward	Špirála	7/2013 – 4/2015	26 815 €
Green coalition – coordination of environmental NGOs	Daphne – Inštitút aplikovanej ekológie	7/2013 – 12/2014	30 000 €
Green footprint	SOSNA	7/2013 – 12/2014	78 000 €
Garden that teaches	Centrum environmentálnej a etickej výchovy Živica	7/2013 – 12/2014	66 713 €
Let's tell everything about composting!	Priatel'ia Zeme – SPZ	9/2013 – 2/2015	53 976 €
TOTAL 1. CALL			255 504 €
2. výzva			
Increasing participation of municipalities and the public in EIA processes	Združenie miest a obcí Slovenska	5/2014 – 12/2015	38 007 €
Green for environmental participation	VIA IURIS	5/2014 – 10/2015	29 925 €
Promoting biodiversity through improved management of conflict situations between large carnivores and humans	Spoločnosť pre karpatskú zver	4/2014 – 11/2015	67 528 €
Reintroduction of european elk back to the Slovak nature	OZ ŽITO	5/2014 – 1/2016	67 598 €
Leave the car at home – a national campaign to support environmental ways of transport in our cities	OCI BB	4/2014 – 10/2015	57 071 €
TOTAL 2. CALL			260 129 €
TOTAL 1. AND 2. CALL			515 633 €

ORGANIZATION:

Spoločnosť pre karpatskú zver

www.peopleinneed.sk

PARTNER:

Naturvernforbundet i Hedmark

IMSA Knowledge Company

GRANT:

67 528 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

4/2014 – 11/2015



Promoting biodiversity through improved management of conflict situations between large carnivores and humans

„Is it possible to find a balance between the protection of wildlife, the preservation of sheep grazing and international agreements?“

Conflicts between large carnivores like the wolf or bear, and conventional livestock are common in Slovakia and Norway. Large predators kill mainly sheep in such numbers that cannot be overlooked. In Norway it is 10 to 30% of the total number of animals per year.

Over the past century the fight with wolves and bears has led to their extinction in many areas. Today, however, interest in the welfare of both groups of animals by experts, politicians and the public is growing. The question is whether we have the means and tools so that large predators can live at least in some selected areas and that agricultural sheep are sufficiently protected against excessive losses. In the framework of this project, the Slovak Society for Carpathian Animals together with the Norwegian partners Naturvernforbundet i Hedmark and the IMSA Knowledge Company are seeking an answer to this question. The project compares the experience with sheep and their protection in Norway and Slovakia, seeks to implement practical solutions and at the same time inform the wider public about the results.

The sheep are protected from large carnivores by guard sheepdogs which move freely on the pastures with the sheep. Breeds, such as the Slovak cuvac, the Caucasian and Central Asian sheepdogs are bred in different parts of the world, but many farmers and shepherds do not know how to train them properly. The dogs must be reliable, protective and bound to the flock. Therefore they are raised together with the flock.

The project promoters are gradually changing the habits and methods on five selected farms on an area of more than 3000 ha. The project also saw three Slovak cuvac puppies moved to a farm located in Rondane National Park in Norway. In addition to these practical changes, they seek to significantly move the understanding of this issue in Slovakia as well as in Norway and the active dissemination of information to the professional and wider public.

ORGANIZATION:

Občianska cykloiniciatíva
Banská Bystrica
www.ocibb.sk

PARTNERS:

Turčianska bicyklová
skupina JUS
Prešovská bicyklová
skupina Kostitras

GRANT:

57 071 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

4/2014 – 10/2015



Leave the car at home

„In the second year, the campaign involved 55 towns and more than 2,800 cyclists.“

Annually, the traffic in the centres of Slovak towns is becoming heavier and heavier. Interest in cycling is growing. However, changes in transport and traffic so as to help both towns and cyclists are not yet very fashionable in our country. An attempt at non-motorized transport was made in the “Bike to Work” month long campaign which took place in 2014 and 2015. In the first year, the campaign involved 30 towns and more than 1,500 participants and the second involved 55 towns and more than 2,800 cyclists.

The competition was also supported by information campaigns; the best supported were in Banská Bystrica, Prešov and Martin. The organizers and their volunteers prepared a number of additional events, such as “Breakfast for Cyclists” or “On your bike with a good heart”, which were intended for all age groups, from the youngest kids at kindergartens and primary schools right up to senior citizens. A good foundation for the organization and further development of the competition was the creation of a common platform at national level which comprised cooperation between organizations concerned with cycling, the coordinating authorities, and last but not least cooperation with the Ministry of Transport, Construction and Regional Development. The project team, in cooperation with the local authorities in Banská Bystrica, Prešov and Martin, also prepared a program of events during the September European Mobility Week, organized by the European Commission since 2002.

The project has contributed to the development of non-motorized transport and other activities. The portal “Let’s leave the car at home” offers current information on bicycle transport from Slovakia and abroad. The second year saw the addition of the www.dopracenabicykli.eu website, which served as a registration point for local authorities, teams and individual competitors. It enabled participants to submit their mileage cycled and monitor their growth, as well as the calculation of how much carbon dioxide emission was saved.

Changing a car for a bike a rider can save an average of about 250 grams of carbon dioxide per kilometre. Cyclists in the competition “Bike to Work” saved more than 130 tons of greenhouse gas emissions in 2014 and 2015.

ORGANIZATION:

Priatelía Zeme – SPZ

www.priateliazeme.sk/spz

GRANT:

53 976 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

9/2013 – 2/2015



Let's tell everything about composting!

“If we were similarly successful in other towns and cities the total savings in greenhouse gas emissions would be enormous...”

By 2020, our landfills will export about 65 percent less biodegradable waste. So far, we have not really succeeded; almost all organic waste currently ends up in landfills. Such behaviour not only places a burden on public finances, but also has a significant negative impact on the environment. A way how to do it is presented by the two-year collaboration between the Friends of the Earth and the village Chocholná-Velčice.

Waste management in this municipality changed “from the floor up” bringing excellent results in several areas. Up to 80 percent of households were involved in a home composting programme. Waste from kitchens and gardens do not thus need to be taken to landfills and following composting can be used as high quality fertilizer. Such waste treatment significantly reduces the amount of greenhouse gases that humans produce. Chocholná-Velčice also established a joint compost heap, and composting for two years has not created / saved more than 520 tons of such gas. The overall production of mixed municipal waste was decreased by 40 percent. The village now saves more than ten thousand euros a year thanks to residents, who are involved in separate waste collection, did not have to cover charges for waste.

At national level, the project has brought a new opportunity to schools and other high-capacity canteens. Friends of the Earth have tried out an electric composter, which, based on this testing has been approved by the State Veterinary and Food Administration. Kitchen waste from canteens and other such operations will thus be able to process waste at the place of production, which was not previously possible.

In cooperation with representatives of the Ministry of the Environment, the organization was actively involved in developing the new Waste Act and its implementation regulations, and contributed to promoting a number of proposals that can be done in practice. The Waste Act came into force in January 2016. A large amount of information available to the authorities and even ordinary people, for example, on organic waste has been prepared by www.kompost.sk.

Children and youth, including children and youth at risk

22 NGOs using participatory approaches
to engage vulnerable groups

41 new activities helping children and young people at risk

The activity of beneficiaries aimed at the greater participation of children and youth in society and activities to reinforce the vulnerable groups of children, youth and Roma were supported within this area. Special interest was given to projects that had an impact on reducing hate speech, expressions of extremism, racism and xenophobia, and to contribute to multicultural understanding and cooperation, especially with the Roma community.

SUPPORTED PROJECTS

PROJECT	ORGANIZATION	REALISATION PERIOD	GRANT
1. call			
Local government needs locals	Inštitút pre dobre spravovanú spoločnosť	9/2013 – 9/2014	39 057 €
Bio-profiles of cities and towns in Slovakia	Strom života	7/2013 – 12/2014	37 230 €
Development of potential of young volunteers in Nitra region	Nitrianska komunitná nadácia	9/2013 – 12/2014	26 402 €
Come and do something	Prameň radosti	7/2013 – 12/2014	39 328 €
Lessons learned from Europe	KASPIAN	7/2013 – 1/2015	28 017 €
Zippy's Friends in Slovakia	Liga za duševné, zdravie SR, o.z.	7/2013 – 9/2014	39 000 €
Learning to learn	ETP Slovensko – Centrum pre udržateľný rozvoj	8/2013 – 1/2015	29 010 €
Fairy-tale guidepost – using fairy tale as a primary prevention tool in process of formation child's life values	Stopka n.o.	7/2013 – 12/2014	29 988 €
“Preventive and low-threshold activities in the neighborhood communities”	Mládež ulice	9/2013 – 8/2014	26 166 €
TABOO THEMES OPENLY	OZ Odysseus	7/2013 – 12/2014	30 000 €
The tree of help and its fruits	Pomoc ohrozeným deťom	7/2013 – 12/2014	17 082 €
Community Centre – Together we achieve more	Miestne združenie YMCA NESVADY	7/2013 – 12/2014	30 000 €
TOTAL 1. CALL			371 280 €
2. call			
Live – Cultural Events, Films, and New Media	Voices	5/2014 – 7/2015	35 937 €
Students on the track of totality	Nadácia Milana Šimečku	5/2014 – 11/2015	41 520 €
School of Human Rights – Developing Informal Education and promoting Activism in Young People in the Field of Human Rights Protection in Eastern Slovakia	Fenestra	7/2014 – 10/2015	25 037 €
NGO involvement in the process of policy making on the topic of social and legal protection of children	Centrum Slniečko, n.o.	5/2014 – 10/2015	39 766 €
No fear to understanding	EFFETA – Stredisko sv. Františka Saleského	5/2014 – 5/2015	38 979 €
Development of social streetwork with children and youth in the neighbourhood and in virtual space	Ulita	5/2014 – 8/2015	30 000 €
Support of Education Programme – Let's go further!	Človek v tísní, o.p.s. – pobočka Slovensko	9/2014 – 9/2015	26 999 €
Youth without hate	Rada mládeže Žilinského kraja	5/2014 – 9/2015	29 654 €
Bridges	Miestne združenie YMCA Revúca	5/2014 – 11/2015	29 321 €
Intervention, precaution and terrain activities for children and young people from threatened families	Misia mladých	5/2014 – 7/2015	21 916 €
Childline for tolerance	Slovenský výbor pre UNICEF	5/2014 – 12/2015	27 067 €
BUDDY	PRO VIDA	7/2014 – 11/2015	27 091 €
Pentagon differently	Detský fond Slovenskej republiky	5/2014 – 10/2015	27 402 €
Development of expertise of association employees to reinforce quality of work with children and youth at risk	Divé maky	5/2014 – 11/2015	20 250 €
Prevention of Homophobia Through Education	Iniciatíva Inakosť	5/2014 – 12/2015	26 262 €
Getting Closer to Children	Náruč – Pomoc deťom v kríze	5/2014 – 10/2015	17 880 €
For inclusion and equality in education	Nové školstvo	4/2014 – 10/2014	16 470 €
TOTAL 2. CALL			481 551 €
TOTAL 1. AND 2. CALL			852 831 €

ORGANIZATION:

Člověk v tísni, o.p.s. –
pobočka Slovensko
www.peopleinneed.sk

GRANT:

26 999 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

9/2014 – 9/2015



Support of Education Programme – Let's go further!

“The education support programme Let's go further! helped more than 140 children and young people from disadvantaged Roma localities.”

Children from disadvantaged Roma communities in the quest for education are faced with two major groups of obstacles – from the side of the families and from the education system as a whole. We're going Further!, created by the People in Need organization, alleviates these barriers and gradually eliminates them. The programme is aimed at supporting Roma children at all levels of education.

The project was implemented in two locations – in the village Plavecký Štvrtok and in Prešov. In the case of Plavecký Štvrtok the project activities amounted to the first appearance of the organization in this locality. In addition to supporting education the goal of the organization was intended to map out the needs of the community and adapt the services offered. During the implementation period in Prešov the community centre was closed and the organization managed to keep up only the training activities which could be held directly in the schools and families of the children involved.

Pre-school clubs prepare children to easily manage schooling in primary school. Education there is based on the Grunnlaget educational methodology which the organization has adopted through cooperation with their Norwegian partner Pedverket. Tutoring is also available to the families. Once a week the children are helped with homework and preparation for school by volunteers at home. Individual tutoring improves the children's results prepares them for entrance exams to secondary school. According to the first results, career guidance activities and individual scholarships meet their goals, which is to motivate young people to study. All programme participants have submitted applications to secondary school.

The programme does not forget changes to the school environment. So that the schools were more open and ready for the educational needs of children from disadvantaged Roma communities, it also focuses on the teachers. In addition to that, more than thirty involved volunteers involved – university students – had the opportunity to enhance their expertise during specialized training and seminars.

ORGANIZATION:

**ETP Slovensko – Centrum
pre udržateľný rozvoj**
www.etp.sk

PARTNER:

**Súkromné centrum
špeciálno-pedagogického
poradenstva v Košiciach**

GRANT:

29 010 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

8/2013 – 1/2015



Learning to learn

*“Thanks to the project
the life of 80 children
from marginalized
communities has
been improved.”*

Each year, about 5,000 Roma children enter year one of primary school. Most of them have never attended nursery school or kindergarten. Not only does the environment in which they grow not usually provide adequate incentives for the development of pre-school skills, Slovak language, but not even in logical thinking. The current education system does not respond well to the needs of these children. The destiny of their education and opportunities later on for jobs is sealed far too soon.

The long-term experience of the organization ETP Slovakia has shown that these children need a different approach in teaching. Employees of the organization accepted the huge challenge and at two elementary schools and ten community centres near marginalized communities have applied, thanks to the project Learn to Learn, the Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment (FIE) method, which has been validated abroad. Experts from the Feuerstein Institute trained four teachers, two special education teachers and 20 educators working in the network of ETP Slovakia community centres.

Experience with the method FIE prompted the organization to believe that children from socially disadvantaged social backgrounds are different from the majority of children in their curiosity and eagerness to learn. However, just like any other children, they need to feel a genuine interest and a relationship to the person from whom they have to learn.

Thanks to the project the life of 80 children from marginalized Roma communities has been improved. Based on the project results and lessons learned, work started with the children during pre-school education – from three years of age. Only through faith in the ability of each child and thanks to the gradual building up of their independence were new ideas introduced to them. Such expressions of confidence in the children were rewarded equally with trust and respect.

The involvement of the parents also played an important role whereby their interest in the education and achievements of their children has increased. At present, the training of teachers from 150 primary schools in villages and towns with marginalized Roma communities in the method of the FIE is being considered.

ORGANIZATION:

KASPIAN

www.kaspian.sk

PARTNER:

Agency for Social
and Welfare Services,
Competence Centre,
City of Oslo

GRANT:

28 017 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

7/2013 – 1/2015



Lessons learned from Europe

„Children are now able to talk about difficult issues and in some cases have even been able to change their pathological behaviour.”

The services of the Petržalka civic association Kaspian are annually used by 450 children and young people aged 6-23. They may do so in a low-threshold club which is open six times a week and also outdoors. For these types of services regularity is the key to enable the clients to build a relationship of trust with the workers and have the opportunity to talk about difficult, more sensitive topics such as violence or bad relationships.

Such regularity was not always the case, as it is today. The origins of Kaspian date back to 1997. Then a team of people responded to the needs of children and young people who came from troubled and dysfunctional families and spent their free time on the street. They started with low-threshold clubs, but gradually expanded its presence and took over the management of the local skate park, and embarked on field social work and education.

Thanks to the project “We bring experience” from Europe the workers have been able to stabilize their efforts after several years. Through fun, support and experiences they help the children and young people in Petržalka to find their own way. They address what the young people in this area are really interested in and can respond to their real needs. The services available to the young people require no registration and payment and have an emphasis on safety and professionalism.

During the course of the project 663 children and young people have been involved in the activities at Kaspian. They are now able to talk about difficult issues and in some cases have even been able to change their pathological behaviour. Several participatory and community events have been organised. A client registration system was established which has significantly simplified the work with data. In addition members of the staff have attended training courses and been on internships abroad.

Through the accredited Abeceda training low-threshold programmes for children and youths the participants have gained the basic knowledge and skills needed to work in low-threshold programmes for children and youths. Under the project, an international conference on Early Intervention when Working with Vulnerable Groups was held. The conference was attended by 124 participants.

Welfare and basic services to vulnerable groups

34 newly established basic and welfare services

More than **2 300** individual clients
benefited from new activities of NGOs

This area focused on supporting projects that contribute to reforms deregulating selected social services, development of outreach and outpatient services provided by non-governmental organizations and to increase social cohesion among residents.

SUPPORTED PROJECTS

PROJECT	ORGANIZATION	REALISATION PERIOD	GRANT
ART and the right bunch. The implementation of program ART (aggression replacement training) for children and young people at risk in Slovak republic.	Návrat	9/2013 – 6/2015	81 384 €
DOMEC – Low threshold day centre and Integration Centre”	OZ Vagus	8/2013 – 10/2015	79 853 €
Support of the Institutionalised clients integration into local communities on the example of Banska Bystrica pilot region	M.E.S.A. 10	9/2013 – 11/2014	65 056 €
How change is born in community	AUTISTI – agentúra špecializovaných služieb pre autistov a iné zdravotné postihnutia	9/2013 – 8/2014	36 695 €
We Are More Independent	Drahuška a my...	7/2013 – 6/2015	46 692 €
Family Strengthening Programmes as an Effective Tool of Protecting Children from Violence	Náruč – Pomoc deťom v kríze	7/2013 – 6/2015	69 159 €
The Effective Social Services	Človek v tísní, o.p.s. – pobočka Slovensko	10/2013 – 1/2015	70 377 €
“Together for acceptance – for the life without disadvantages”	ZPMP v Petržalke PSC Impluz	9/2013 – 2/2015	71 966 €
TOTAL			521 181 €

ORGANIZATION:

Drahuška a my...

www.drahuskovo.sk

PARTNER:

Autismeforeningen
i Norge

GRANT:

46 692 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

7/2013 – 6/2015



We are more inde- pendent!

*“We do not care for
our clients – we live
with them.”*

Autistic adults have found their haven in Drahuškovo and because it is a home of community housing they are seen as equals by the staff. Drahuškovo is interesting due to the fact that young adults from orphanages are also given the opportunity to live and work here. Three diverse worlds live here in symbiosis.

The clients in Drahuškovo are called friends. They are helped to be as independent as much as possible. Active and meaningful work in the workshops and with the animals gives them real life experience and social habits. Gradually they establish themselves as people who are happy and becoming more independent.

In the approach to these friends the centre use expert theoretical knowledge and the practical experience of the parents; their activities and approach are comparable to similar institutions abroad. The focus is on the individuality of each individual. On the vision and development of the clients their work is based on information and the recommendations of the Norwegian partner Autism Society of Norway and indirectly from the University of Oslo. From experience, the Norwegian partner showed that the introduction of and consistent adherence to specific educational procedures for people with autism from an early age can achieve much higher levels of personal autonomy and understanding of the outside world than can be achieved when the learning starts in adulthood. The centre also issued a methodological guide: Education and training people with autism to greater autonomy.

One parent explained how such a life in Drahuškovo looks. The friends apply themselves to agricultural work, preparing the fields for spring planting and harvesting hay. They gather eggs from hens and make scrambled eggs from them; they learn to bake fruit cake, peel oranges or prepare elevenses or an afternoon snack; they make bird boxes, batik and earthenware objects; they tidy up and wash clothes. Without assistance from the assistants this is not really possible, although someone can do more, someone less, but for every one of them these are great victories.

ORGANIZATION:

Náruč – Pomoc deťom v kríze

www.naruc.sk

GRANT:

69 159 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

7/2013 – 6/2015



Getting Closer to Children

“Children find it hard to recognize the difference between punishment and parental abuse.”

Practice shows that the system does not sufficiently protect those children who are vulnerable to abuse and neglect. Furthermore, it is also because of the weak search activity of the social authorities. Such children often arrive late at the crisis centre Náruč; they come as adolescents when unresolved issues regarding violence against a child and the family have developed to the extent that the child exhibits severe behavioural disorders and sociopathic phenomena such as truancy, alcohol, smoking and crime. Children who were originally threatened thus become a threat for society at large. Family relationships are mostly at this age seriously disturbed and the perspective of returning the child to its original family environment is low.

Náruč has focused on three pillars to help the endangered child and family in crisis – the search operation, expert advice and care for the child and their family and field social services. The results of the project Closer to the Children reveals that long-term work with families is succeeding in eliminating the sources of danger to a child and increases the percentage of children returning to their original family environment. During the project Náruč timely identified 112 children at risk and in 88 percent of cases, the children managed to return back to their biological family.

This project was a breakthrough for the activities of the children’s crisis centre Náruč. Strengthening the professional activity significantly shifted the professional level of their work and verified what has long been assumed: if you really create more space to work with families even outside the centre, it will bring lasting results and the ability to return a far greater number of children to their original families. Although this might not seem so at first sight, it is a departure from the established philosophy that the crisis centre should be concentrated primarily on work with the children themselves, while working with family is more in the hands of the social authorities.

ORGANIZATION:

O.Z. Vagus

www.vagus.sk

PARTNER:

Frelsesarmeen

GRANT:

79 853 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

8/2013 – 10/2015



DOMEC

– Low threshold day centre and Integration Centre

“I worked all my life as a worker on building sites till the moment I lost everything. Fortunately I met people from the NGO Vagus who helped me a lot and gave me the chance for a new life and a lot of support.”

There are around 4,000 people living on the streets of Bratislava. There are no precise statistics, but one thing is obvious – the number is constantly growing. The low threshold day care and integration centre called DOMEK (HOUSE) operated by the association Vagus in Bratislava offers a broad scale of services to its clients, the homeless, from basic hygiene, clothing, food and warm drinks to expert counselling and assistance in finding permanent living, getting job placement, and building healthy social networks.

Thanks to the project, Vagus was able to complete construction of the centre. As a result, over the course of 22 months the centre served 26,000 clients. In addition, the centre provided 4,817 expert consultations, 258 clients participated in leisure activities, 207 clients participated in regular work activities and 16 clients successfully completed the entire integration process. The civil association Vagus and the DOMEK centre thereby contribute to easing the trend of more homeless on the streets.

In addition, Vagus have shared their experiences another 50 experts from non-governmental organizations, which benefit from their know-how, materials and seminars. The association acquired new skills and ways of working with homeless people thanks to their Norwegian partner, the Salvation Army of Norway, whose experience of working with the local community was very valuable. Vagus thus, from the commencement of this idea, succeeded in overcoming prejudices from surrounding neighbourhoods that had accompanied the opening of the low-threshold centre for the homeless in the centre of Bratislava. In cooperation with the Norwegian partners they have created material “BRATISLAVA_OSLO_OSLO_BRATISLAVA” containing examples of good practice from both sides.

Fund for bilateral relations

Fund for bilateral relations, which was part of the Active Citizenship and Inclusion Programme, was aimed at promoting cooperation, exchange of experience and good practices on those topics related to the area of a support programme between Slovak NGOs and partners from the donor countries.

SUPPORTED PROJECTS

PROJECT	ORGANIZATION	REALISATION PERIOD	GRANT
Search for partners and development of partnerships			
Participation of Norwegian partners at the launch event of the EEA Fund for NGOs	Centrum komunitného organizovania	2/2013 – 5/2013	2 723 €
Creative workshop instead of shelter – “Breaking the prejudices”	Animus Apertus	7/2013 – 10/2013	2 938 €
Theatre of oppressed – Partnership	Divadlo bez domova	9/2013 – 12/2013	2 000 €
Eco bridges Norwegian-Slovak cooperation – PARTNERSHIP	Asociácia pre využitie obnoviteľných a alternatívnych zdrojov	9/2013 – 10/2013	1 940 €
Exchange of experience, internships, study tours and networking			
Following the footprints of handicrafts and beauty of cultures	OZ Campanula	5/2014 – 10/2014	10 000 €
Community-based social services in Norway and Slovakia – comparative view	Rada pre poradenstvo v sociálnej práci	9/2013 – 1/2014	8 409 €
Love your hater	ZADOBE	10/2013 – 5/2014	9 920 €
All in the same boat	Spoločnosti Slovensko-indického priateľstva	10/2013 – 2/2014	9 989 €
Eco bridges Norwegian-Slovak cooperation – Expert Groups	Asociácia pre využitie obnoviteľných a alternatívnych zdrojov	2/2014 – 5/2014	9 998 €
Outreach work – bringing experiences to Slovakia	Asociácia nízkoprahových programov pre deti a mládež	3/2014 – 5/2014	10 000 €
Grunnlaget – let us teach children how to learn!	Člověk v tísni, o.p.s. – pobočka Slovensko	7/2014 – 10/2014	9 990 €
Coexistence of large carnivores and people in Slovakia and Norway	Spoločnosť pre karpatskú zver	7/2015 – 11/2015	9 991 €
Local government and its contribution to a universal development of community	Združenie miest a obcí Slovenska	8/2015 – 11/2015	9 998 €
TOTAL			97 896 €

ORGANIZATION:

Člověk v tísni, o.p.s. –
pobočka Slovensko
www.peopleinneed.sk

PARTNER:

Pedverket Kompetanse

GRANT:

9 990 €

REALISATION PERIOD:

7/2014 – 10/2014



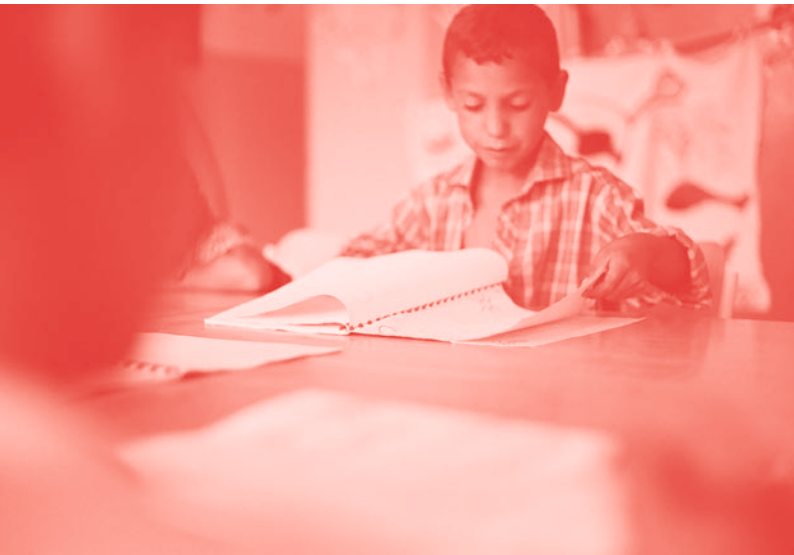
Grunnlaget – let us teach children how to learn!

“The project allowed teachers and social workers to develop the educational potential of children with learning disabilities. The method serves as the cornerstone for their later education.”

Approximately 20 teachers and staff from community centres involved in the education of children from socially disadvantaged communities were acquainted with the Norwegian educational method “Grunnlaget” at a four-day seminar held in Bratislava at the end of September 2014. The seminar was led by Gunvor SONNESYN and Morten A. Hem from the partner organization Pedverket KOMPETANSE, who both happen to be the authors of the method.

This method is based on the development of basic learning processes and permits the development of the educational potential of children with learning disabilities. The method develops the basic cognitive processes, and its essence is to teach children how to learn.

The project reacted to the problem of a lack of educational methods that take into account the linguistic differences and different socio-cultural background of Roma children from settlements. During the autumn of 2014 the method began to be used in six areas, including urban and rural Roma communities.



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ELSE A EMA
(nezávislý život v komunitě)



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Community-based social services in Norway and Slovakia – comparative view

*“Equal treatment of
all stakeholders and
a partnership approach
is crucial to the
inclusion of people with
disabilities into society.”*

The publication *Else and Ema* (independent living in the community) is the main output of the project *Community-based social services in Norway and Slovakia – a comparative view*. The Social Work Advisory Board developed this publication together with its partner – the private university *Diakonhjemmet Høgskole Rogaland* in Sandnes, Norway.

The authors accompany us in the story of two families from different countries – from *Rimavská Sobota* and the Norwegian city of *Solo*; it is easy to read and compares community-based social services in Norway and Slovakia. Through three different perspectives – a specialist, a provider, the recipient and his family – it links and compares the commonalities of the two countries, despite the differences in their social systems

The publication contains several examples of good practice in all important areas of human life where you require support: early intervention, education, employment and support for an independent life. The authors conclude that current legislative and legal conditions in the two countries, and despite some reserves, offer sufficient opportunities to develop essential community services.

Predefined project

In the NGO sector it is important that organizations and civic initiatives have, in addition to enthusiasm, also the necessary knowledge and organizational skills – and for this very reason the Active Citizenship and Inclusion Programme also included a so-called predefined project that aimed to create an added value programme for the development of the capacity of civic society organizations.

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Active Citizens Everywhere

“The project’s activities provide modern forms of education and networking, especially to new citizen initiatives from different regions of Slovakia.”

At a time when social and political developments give cause for concern about the fate of democracy in the country, the role played by civil societies is essential. While in larger centres, especially in Bratislava, stable and developed non-profit organizations exist, in many other regions the voice of active citizens in the public sector is missing. At the same time in recent years, a new wave of civic initiatives, a new generation of leaders who are much more present and active in the virtual world of social networking, but, of course, not only there. It is necessary that this new generation, in addition to enthusiasm, has the necessary knowledge and organizational skills.

The project Active Citizens Everywhere, operated by the organization PDCS in partnership with the Carpathian Foundation, has reacted to those requirements and trends. The task of the project was to equip initiatives from various regions of Slovakia with such knowledge and skills. Specific topics of every educational and networking activities were chosen based on a survey of educational needs of NGOs and civic initiatives from various regions of Slovakia and at various stages of development that were processed in the initial phase of the project.

The project enabled and promoted communication between “older” and “newer” civil society organizations in the form of workshops, roundtables, regional seminars and online formats. Overall, they offered 16 different activities for 414 participants. The most important of these was the international conference of Civic Players in Conflicts.

In addition, 15 consultants, selected from the non-profit sector mainly in eastern and central Slovakia, attended a series of training and coaching lasting about 200 hours to prepare to help 40 civil society organizations and initiatives in their organizational development and strategic planning.

Complementary Actions and Capacity Building

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12/2013

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launch of the Masturhate
campaign

5/2014

School for 21st century

8/2014

No Hate Site Events at
4 Elements Festival

10/2014

Yes, it Works!

11/2014

Human Rights in
modern Europe

12/2014

EEA Connections II

3/2015

Garden disputes

4/2015

Strengthening the voice
of children and young
people in active citizenship
and human rights

7/2015

launch of Say it to my
face campaign

10/2015

Bratislava Legal Forum

11/2015

premiere of the documentary
series It can be done, then
repeats in spring 2016

The NGO Fund not only supported individual project beneficiaries. The priorities of both programmes developed and imbued the programme managers themselves through their own activities. Within the framework of support for the development of the NGO sector in Slovakia the urgent needs of non-governmental organizations were first identified and then a series of regional workshops and training were organized. Applicants were given practical information about how to obtain support from the Fund for NGOs and the actual beneficiaries were given practical advice and experience for successful implementation of their project. Expert knowledge and experience in the implementation of the programmes were likewise presented and gained by representatives of the programme managers at various international forums and conferences. Among the many activities undertaken we have selected the following campaigns and events:

Coalition for Children

The program supported the creation of a new organization called the Coalition for Children of Slovakia, an umbrella organization for NGOs aiming to promote the rights and needs of children under the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Slovakia and abroad. Its mission is the promotion, defense and fulfillment of the rights, needs and interests of children under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols. The organization acts as a powerful partner in negotiations with public institutions and the non-profit sector. The coalition is a member of the Committee for Children and Youth of the Slovak Republic, the European organization Eurochild and Network of National Partners – National Partners Network. The coalition is a partner of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.

EEA Connections I and II

Two editions of the EEA Connections conference offered a platform for networking, inspiration and experience sharing, as well as the formulation of the current problems and needs of NGOs working in the field of human rights.

School for the 21st century

Bratislava hosted a conference May 16, 2014 which aimed to support the process of changing the traditional school to the school of the 21st century. Through lectures and practical workshops a new concept of learning was presented which had been successfully applied to selected schools in Slovakia. The result is children who not only like to go to school, but are children ready for the real job market. Patron for the conference was the Minister of Education, Science, Research and Sport in Slovakia.

Yes, it Works!

An event with the distinctive name Yes, it Works! took place in Kosice October 29, 2014. By means of good practice examples of completed projects the event was designed to motivate and inspire local communities; to show that there are practical successful solutions so that Roma and poor people can be employed and to create for them access to an income. Presentations were made by means of dynamic performances focusing on positive emotions and thoughts and illustrated by concrete examples. The participants gained a comprehensive overview of the solutions to the issue.

Human rights in modern Europe

November 27, 2014, Bratislava hosted a conference aimed at creating a space for sharing experiences and possible approaches and to compare trends in the issue of human rights in Slovakia and Norway. The conference program consisted of three sections: Reconciliation of work and private life while respecting personality and gender differences; Human rights as part of education; Anti-discrimination, extremism and the inclusion of groups at risk of social exclusion. In each section, Slovak and Norwegian representatives commented on the relevant topic. At the same time, examples of good practice in the form of projects implemented in Slovakia were presented.

Garden disputes

Garden discourses were events held once a month. These further educational events, in combination with a discussion (discourse) held in an informal ambience (such as sitting in your garden) were designed for representatives from NGOs and the government and corporate sectors.

Strengthening the voice of children and young people in active citizenship and human rights

The conference Strengthening the voice of children and young people in active citizenship and human rights presented good examples of the participation of children and young people from Slovak non-governmental organizations and projects in this field. Speakers included Breki Karlsson, founder of the Institute of Financial Literacy in Iceland.

Bratislava legal forum

The Open Society Foundation organized an expert panel Research and tools of the non-governmental sector and academia in the fields of judiciary and good governance. Grantees from Via Iuris, Alliance – Fair Play, Transparency International, the Association “The judges for an Open Judiciary” shared their experience with the participants of the conference.

Documentary film series It can be done

A series of 12 documentaries that brought good practices from completed projects financed by the Fund for NGOs. The films were broadcast in the fall of 2015 on television.



Gender Story

„Today the lives of trans people are decided upon by doctors and officials and not by those which the change personally concerns. OZ TransFúzia wants to change that situation.“

The situation for transgender people is critical in almost all areas of social life. Those voices advocating their interests in the public space have minimum representation. There are too many areas in which they are ignored. Social exclusion, discrimination, physical and verbal violence all have an impact on the integrity of the community. Protection against this is almost unenforceable. Appropriate treatment is again almost unavailable, inappropriate or violates fundamental human rights.

The civic association TransFúzia is the first and only organization in Slovakia which fights for the rights of the trans community. Thanks to a project supported by the Open Society Foundation, it managed to increase its capacity. It created a website, an online community space and bank information materials. It managed to start up training for other NGOs. Finally, TransFúzia was the first to map the availability of health care for transgender people.

The research was developed through interviews with 20 people from the trans community in various regions of Slovakia; they also approached doctors and experts on the subject. It revealed the complications and humiliation people have to face if they want to change their sex. The most common problem is to find a doctor. The research by the civic association revealed that doctors usually refuse trans people as their patients or treat them with prejudice and evaluate them with stereotypes. Also thanks to the resulting data of the research, medical experts are now more open to discussion about the needs of trans people.