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Foreword

Various key topics that dominated life in the Slovak society in 2003 were also transposed in the work of the Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti - Open Society Foundation (NOS – OSF). Grant programs, educational projects and activities targeted at increasing the capacity of NGOs and individuals to participate in the process of change focused on, among other topics, integration into the European Union, the introduction of key reforms, overcoming deficiencies in equal opportunities, empowerment of marginalized groups, public participation in the process of change and also the position and perspectives of non-governmental organizations in society. As in previous years, partnerships and cooperation with national and international organizations were vital for the work of the foundation.

During the course of 2003 various changes were introduced in the structure and activities of the foundation. Among other things, these changes included the closure of the community support program, implemented since 1996, which significantly contributed to the promotion of local philanthropy in Slovakia. This program was substantially supported by the CH. S. Mott Foundation in 2000 – 2003. The CH. S. Mott Foundation also supported the internal transformation of NOS – OSF and its capacity as a grant making institution.

With the goal of empowerment for various program areas, the foundation started to take tentative steps towards spinning them off into independent entities. An example of such activity can be demonstrated by the Slovak-Czech Women's Fund, established jointly with the Open Society Fund Prague. The fund aims to support NGOs working in the area of women's rights and gender equality.

Together with the Jan Hus Educational Foundation and the Children of Slovakia Foundation, NOS – OSF continued in the TRUST program aimed at sustainability of the NGO sector in Slovakia within the partnership project supported by Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe. The program focused on philanthropic development, the development of financial resources for NGOs, education in accounting and audit and institutional development for NGOs.

One of the examples of promoting and introducing new public policy approaches was the first activity carried out within the international project aimed at public policy impact assessment. Participants from Croatia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Serbia and Slovakia met with the goal of developing capacity and professionalism for public administration representatives prior to the European Union accession.

In the field of education, the second year of a three-year project was running, aimed at reforming the educational system in Slovakia. The outcome of this year's activities included two analyses that serve as background material for the ongoing debate on the Schools Act. Furthermore, a seminar was organized on financing education and a center for education policy was established in the same year.

One of the foundation's significant goals remained the promotion and empowerment of Roma NGOs, which are crucial in the process of achieving positive societal change. In accordance with the tendency to strengthen operating activities, the foundation started carrying out a program aimed at the non-segregation of Roma pupils in four locations: Rudňany, Smižany, Jarovnice, Košice-Šaca. This program is carried out in partnership with the Wide Open School Foundation and Schola Project. It is supported by the REI Program Roma Education Institute.

Community participation and public involvement in resolving their own problems, multi-sector cooperation and the concept of 10 community centers in 10 locations with a high representation of the Roma population is the subject of the project implemented through support from the PHARE program, in a consortium with the German Education and Training Agency (GET) and in cooperation with the Milan Šimečka Foundation and PDCS.

NOS – OSF supported international cooperation through the participation of individuals and institutions in the East-East Program projects. In 2003 these projects included activities in the field of citizens' diplomacy, supported employment, social services, rural development and community development, protection of cultural heritage, educational policy and support for transparency.

NOS OSF's Annual Report gives an overview of the foundation's activities in the year 2003 and through information about individual grants it provides a picture of public participation in positive changes in the Slovak society.

Alena Pániková

INFORMATION ABOUT THE MISSION, FOUNDER, STRUCTURE AND PROGRAMS OF THE OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATION

About the Open Society

At the most fundamental, philosophical level, the open society concept is based on the recognition that people act on imperfect knowledge and that no one is in possession of the ultimate truth. In practice, an open society is characterized by the rule of law; respect for human rights, minorities, and minority opinions; the division of power; a market economy in which business and government are separate; and a thriving civil society. Broadly speaking, open society is a way to describe the positive aspects of democracy. The term "open society" was popularized by philosopher Karl Popper in his 1945 book *Open Society and Its Enemies*.

Open Society Institute New York

Open Society Institute - OSI is a private foundation based in New York implementing operating activities and awarding grants. OSI New York is the heart of the "open society network" - a group of autonomous foundations and organizations in more than 50 countries around the world. This network carries out a wide range of initiatives aimed at promoting the open society through shaping governmental politics, education support, media, public health, human rights and women's rights and also through social, legal and economic reform. Focusing on minimizing and preventing the negative consequences of globalization, this network of foundations strives to empower the global open society by intensifying cooperation with other non-governmental organizations, governments and international institutions. OSI was established in 1993 by the investor and philanthropist George Soros with the aim of supporting his foundations in Central and Eastern Europe and Newly Independent States. These foundations have been established since 1984 with a role to assist ex-communist countries in the transition process towards democracy. The network has enlarged its operation and currently, it includes organizations and initiatives e.g. in Africa, Central Asia, the Caucasus, Haiti, Latin America, Mongolia, SouthEast Asia, Turkey and the United States of America. OSI also supports projects in other countries of the world.

Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti – Open Society Foundation

NOS – OSF is a Slovak foundation established in November 1992 under the name 'Open Society Fund.'

Expert committees, in cooperation with foundation staff members, propose and work out priorities and specific NOS – OSF program activities. These are approved by the NOS – OSF Board, which is the foundation's highest body. The OSI Board and George Soros approve the foundation's overall strategy.

Depending on its origin and scope, the NOS / OSF programs are divided into:

Core Programs

Within core programs, grants are approved and activities are conducted that help the democratization process and the building of an open society in Slovakia. Core programs result from local needs and priorities, which are the essential activities of national foundations. A successful core pilot program can become a network program if it offers a unique strategy or provides a solution to common or similar problems.

Network Programs

Network programs mirror the needs of several countries or the whole network, and are usually administered by the Open Society Institute New York, or Budapest, and conducted in cooperation with national foundations. Their objective is to mediate unique experiences and verified procedures when solving problems in areas such as health, education, law, public administration, media, marginalized groups, etc, and to initiate international cooperation and coordination in these areas. Participation by national foundations in the network programs rests on their own decisions based on national priorities, where they usually partially finance network programs. Final decisions on grant approval and scholarship placements are reached at a national or international level according to the conditions of each program.

Core and network programs are conducted through operational and grant activities and are in accordance with specific programs in order to accomplish the NOS – OSF mission and objectives.

NOS – OSF is one of seven establishing organizations of the Donors' Forum: an informal group of grant-providing organizations in the Slovak Republic. NOS – OSF's executive director is the chairperson of the Executive Board of the Donors' Forum in Slovakia.

About the Founder

George Soros was born in Budapest, Hungary on August 12, 1930. He survived the Nazi occupation of Budapest and left communist Hungary in 1947 for England, where he graduated from the London School of Economics in 1952. While a student at LSE, Mr. Soros became familiar with the work of philosopher Karl Popper, who had a profound influence on his thinking and later, on his professional and philanthropic activities.

The Financier. In 1956 Mr. Soros moved to the United States, where he began to accumulate a large fortune through an international investment fund that he founded and managed. Today he is President and Chairman of Soros Fund Management LLC, a private investment management firm that serves as principal advisor to the Quantum Group of Funds, a series of international investment vehicles. In July 2000 Mr. Soros merged his flagship Quantum Fund with the Quantum Emerging Growth Fund to form the Quantum Endowment Fund. The Quantum Fund is generally recognized as the most successful investment fund ever, returning an annual average 31% throughout its 32-year history.

The Philanthropist. Mr. Soros has been an active philanthropist since 1979, when he began providing funds to help black students attend Cape Town University in apartheid South Africa. Today he is Chairman of the Open Society Institute and the founder of a network of philanthropic organizations that are active in more than 50 countries. Based primarily in central and eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, but also in Africa, Latin America, Asia, and the United States, these foundations are dedicated to building and maintaining the infrastructure and institutions of an open society. In 1992 Mr. Soros founded the Central European University, with its primary campus in Budapest. In 2000 the Soros Foundations Network spent \$494 million on supporting projects in education, public health, civil society development, and many other areas. Allocations for 2001 and 2002 are expected to remain at a similar level.

The Philosopher. Mr. Soros is the author of seven books most recently *George Soros on Globalization* (Public Affairs, March 2002). His other books include *The Alchemy of Finance*, 1987; *Opening the Soviet System*, 1990; *Underwriting Democracy*, 1991; *Soros on Soros: Staying Ahead of the Curve*, 1995; *The Crisis of Global Capitalism: Open Society Endangered*, 1998; and *Open Society: Reforming Global Capitalism*, 2000. His articles and essays on politics, society and economics regularly appear in major newspapers and magazines around the world. Mr. Soros has received honorary degrees from the New School for Social Research, the University of Oxford, the Budapest University of Economics and Yale University. In 1995, the University of Bologna awarded Mr. Soros its highest honor, the Laurea Honoris Causa, in recognition of his efforts to promote open societies throughout the world. In 2002 Mr. Soros was awarded the Dayton Peace Prize for his work promoting peace in the Balkans.

Further information:

Open Society Institute New York: <http://www.soros.org>

Open Society Institute Budapest: <http://www.osi.hu>

LIST OF SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES AND GRANTS IN 2003

□ EDUCATION

HIGHER EDUCATION

Education Reform Support Program

An operational, educational and grant program implemented since 2002. The program goal is to support and facilitate the education reform process and education policy development in Slovakia and through support for the decentralization of the education system, contribute to the improved management and subsequently the quality of education.

Target group: the primary target group includes experts in education and education policy, representatives of regional self-governments, local governments, state and non-governmental organizations working in the field of education.

Operating Activities: Educational Activities in Slovakia

Education Financing in Slovakia

June 18 – 19, 2003, Bratislava

The aim of the seminar was to facilitate foreign experience in developing the concept of financing education and present analytical studies that will be used to draft new educational and policy documents, and receive feedback from experts. The seminar formed part of the process of drafting the new bill on financing education.

Number of participants: 45

Partners: Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic

Grants:

Number of applications: 20

Number of awarded grants: 7

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| 1. Education Policy Center at the Orava Association for Democratic Education, Bratislava | SKK 459,000.00 |
| Development of activities at the Center for Education Policy | |
| 2. Faculty of Arts, University of Prešov, Department of Management, Prešov | SKK 250,000.00 |
| Capacity Development for the Decision-Making Process on Education at a Local and Regional Level in the Decentralization Process | |
| 3. Slovak Governance Institute, Bratislava | SKK 136,000.00 |
| School Financing – Analysis of Selected Systems of Financing in Local Schools | |
| 4. Methodological-Pedagogical Center in Prešov | SKK 290,000.00 |
| Open School | |
| 5. Citizen and Democracy, Bratislava | SKK 178,620.00 |
| Public Discussion on School Act and Public Participation in the Legislative Process | |
| 6. Happy Children, Banská Bystrica | SKK 95,000.00 |
| Conference supporting parent participation in education policy development – Rights Related to Education: What Are They & What Should They Be? | |
| 7. Orava Association for Democratic Education, Bratislava | SKK 520,000.00 |
| Center for Education Policy | |

Internet Distance Education Program

An operational, educational and grant program in operation since 2000. The aim of the program is to support broader access to distance learning in Slovak universities and other instructional methods based on the Internet: especially in the humanities field. The goal is also to open up communication channels and discussion between universities and the public on the advantages of distance learning.

Target group: university and high school teachers, NGO representatives.

Operating Activities: Educational Activities in Slovakia

eLearn Conference 2003

February 4 – 5, 2003, Žilina

The conference aimed to utilize existing knowledge on e-education for the purpose of providing a new quality of education. The IDEP program provided a contribution to publishing the conference proceedings and presenting the program outcomes.

Number of participants: 60

Partners: University of Žilina

International Conference ICETA 2003

September 11 – 13, 2003, Košice

The conference gave floor to a discussion and exchange of the latest information on multimedia, hypermedia and e-learning. The IDEP program co-organized the conference and provided support to IDEP project developers in the e-learning section to participate in the conference and present their results.

Number of supported participants: 30

Partners: Technical University of Košice, Elfa Ltd.

E-learning in Practice Competition

June – September 2003

The IDEP program participated in organizing and planning the first Slovak e-learning competition. The competition had three categories: online course, support material for online education, and the complex online education system. From Slovakia and the Czech Republic, 48 project applications were accepted in the competition. A 15-member international jury, including well-established experts in the field of new education methods evaluated project applications. The jury included the representatives from the academic field, non-state educational and other institutions. The competition was evaluated as a satellite activity of the ICETA 2003 conference.

Partners: Elfa Ltd., Technical University of Košice

Publications:

Online Education Problems: Students' Perspective. In *eLearn 2003: Conference Proceedings*. Žilina, University of Žilina. pp. 147 – 156.

Students' Analysis of Problems in some IDEP Program Courses

Overview of Online Learning Development. In <http://www.eeduser.com>, 25 p.

Overview of Online Education in Slovakia, prepared for the Leonardo project.

Partners: Slovak University of Technology, Technical University of Košice

Experiences from Online Courses for Teachers in Slovakia. In *ICETA 2003: Conference Proceedings*. Košice, Elfa Ltd. pp. 457 – 462.

Experience Analysis from some Online IDEP Program Courses

Partners: Technical University of Košice, Elfa Ltd.

Online Education in Slovakia. In Pišút, J., Gregušová, G., Plesch, M. & Pišútová-Gerber, K. (2003). **Education** in Kollár, M. & Mesežnikov, G. (eds.) *Global Report Slovakia 2003*, Bratislava, Institute for Public Affairs. pp. 607 – 627.

On-line Learning in Slovakia, Development of on-line learning in Slovakia.

Partners: Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics, Comenius University, Institute for Public Affairs

Analyses, Studies

Online Learning: Titanic or Noah's Ark? Experience from First Online Courses Offered in Slovakia, 130 p.

Research Analysis of Students' Experience from some of the First IDEP Program Online Courses in Slovakia.

Partners: University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

Grants:

In 2003, there was one call for grant proposals for the development of online courses

Courses topics in the call for proposals: education, project management, professional communication, conflict management and resolution, project evaluation, civic society, European Integration, European Union

Target groups for supported courses: university teachers, secondary school teachers, NGO representatives

Number of applications: 17

Number of awarded grants: 4

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| 1. Education Center for Non-Profit Organizations, Banská Bystrica
Training Segments in the Project Management Field | SKK 280,000.00 |
| 2. Local Distance Education Center at Zvolen Technical University, Zvolen
Project G/372/2000 Extension through Development of New Modules and Dissemination | SKK 150,000.00 |
| 3. Slovak Association for Political Science, Bratislava
European Integration and European Politics for Secondary School Teachers | SKK 280,000.00 |
| 4. Technical University of Košice, Košice
New Pedagogical Approaches and ICT Use for Teachers | SKK 280,000.00 |

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Central European University

An educational program implemented by NOS – OSF since 1993 with a view to supporting education for the new intellectual elite through Master's, Ph.D. and supplementary doctorate degree programs in economics, environmental science and policy, medieval studies, history, gender studies, international relations and European studies, sociology, political science, law, nationalism studies as well as through the support of academic cooperation and development of education in central and eastern Europe, NIS and central Asian countries. This program uses lectures, seminars and workshops focused on the innovation of the curricula and the teaching process. Up to 2003, NOS – OSF administered Slovak student selection. CEU Budapest representatives select applicants.

Number of applicants: 42

Number of awarded scholarships: 18

Awarded Scholarships:

1. **Beata Bartošová**, Politology, MA
2. **Ján Fiala**, Law – Human Rights, MA
3. **Zsolt Gál**, International Relations and European Studies, MA
4. **Lukáš Holub**, International Relations and European Studies, Ph.D.
5. **Slávka Jančíková**, International Relations and European Studies, MA
6. **L'ubica Kobová**, Gender Studies, MA
7. **Stanislava Kuzmová**, Medieval Studies, Ph.D.
8. **Zuzana Lamosová**, Nationalism Studies, MA
9. **Martina Okružlicová**, International Relations and European Studies, MA
10. **Katarína Polovková**, Economics, MA
11. **Štefan Sakaloš**, Mathematics, Ph.D.
12. **Katarína Scamborová**, Economics, MA
13. **Juraj Ševella**, Politology, MA
14. **Katarína Šoltéssová**, Sociology, MA
15. **Tomáš Szoke**, Environmental Science and Policy, MSc.
16. **Stanislav Vidovic**, Economics, Ph.D.
17. **Zuzana Vojteková**, International Relations and European Studies, MA
18. **Marek Žabka**, Medieval Studies, MA

Central European University – Supplementary Educational Programs

An educational program that has been in operation since 1994. It aims to support academic cooperation and education development within Central and Eastern Europe, NIS and Central Asian countries through lectures, seminars and workshops aimed at curricula reform and innovation in the teaching process. CEU Budapest representatives select applicants.

Scholarships in 2002:

- Summer University 8 applicants / 2 scholarship students
- Curriculum Resource Center 7 applicants / 5 scholarship students
- Curriculum Development Center 7 applicants / 4 scholarship students

Awarded Scholarships:

SUMMER UNIVERSITY

1. **Slávka Kubusová**, Bratislava
Toleration and Multiculturalism: Western and Eastern Perspectives, July 7 – 18, 2003
2. **Daniel Šmihula**, Bratislava
Managing Conflict and Fostering Democratic Dialogue, July 7 – 25, 2003

CURRICULUM RESOURCE CENTER

3. **Katarina Labudová**, Žilina
Gender Studies
4. **Daniel Lesinský**, Zvolen
Environmental Sciences and Policy
5. **Martin Schmidt**, Banská Bystrica
Philosophy
6. **Blanka Szeghyová**, Bratislava
Medieval Studies
7. **Peter Volek**, Ružomberok
Philosophy

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT CENTER

8. **Anetta Caplanová**, Bratislava
International Policy Studies
9. **Juraj Hvorecký**, Praha
Philosophy
10. **Martin Kanovský**, Bratislava
Anthropology/Cultural Studies
11. **Milan Kováč**, Bratislava
Philosophy/Religious Studies

Oxford Colleges Hospitality Scheme

The program has been in operation since 1994. It aims to enable university teachers and research workers to discuss their work with Oxford experts and make use of available study materials during their short-term stay. Applicants are selected by the university.

Number of applicants: 51

Number of awarded scholarships: 3

Awarded Scholarships:

1. **Miroslav Haviar**, Banská Bystrica
Mathematics, Somerville College, University of Oxford, Great Britain
July 22 – August 22, 2003
2. **Igor Kozák**, Košice
Ophthalmology, Nuffield Laboratory of Ophthalmology, University of Oxford, Great Britain
July 1 – 31, 2003
3. **Jozef Minár**, Bratislava
Geomorphology and Landscape Ecology, St. John's College, University of Oxford, Great Britain
January 5 – February 5, 2004

OSI/FCO Oxford Chevening Scholarships

An educational program in operation since 1993. It aims to enable Slovak Ph.D. students to take part in 9-month or 3-month postgraduate research stays or a 1-year MA course at Oxford University, or a 1-year MA course at York University. The

scholarship program is also open to university graduates wishing to continue their doctoral studies in the field of humanities and social sciences. Funds are provided by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of Great Britain (FCO) and the Open Society Institute in Budapest. In all three types of study program, participants may consult on their research with local experts and make use of all university facilities. Applicants are selected by the university.

Number of applicants: 26

Number of awarded scholarships: 1

Awarded Scholarships:

1. **Štefánia Košková**, Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University, Brno
Sociology

Cambridge College Hospitality Scheme

An educational program in operation since 1994. It aims to provide university teachers and research workers with an opportunity to consult on their work with Cambridge experts and make use of all study materials available. Applicants are selected by the university.

Number of applicants: 32

Number of awarded scholarships: 2

Awarded Scholarships:

1. **Nataša Urbančíková**, Košice
Continuing Education, St. Edmund's College, University of Cambridge, Great Britain
September 2 – 26, 2003
2. **Marína Zavacká**, Bratislava
Contemporary History, Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge, Great Britain
July 1 – 31, 2003

OSI/FCO Chevening Scholarship – University of Sussex

This educational program has been in operation since 1998. Its aim is to enable students from Central and Eastern Europe and NIS to be awarded the Master's Degree in European Studies and Anthropology of Europe. Applicants are selected by the university.

Number of applicants: 26

Number of awarded scholarships: 2

Awarded Scholarships:

1. **Lucia Kubošová**, Bratislava
Contemporary European Studies
2. **Veronika Mižiková**, Banská Bystrica
Contemporary European Studies

Undergraduate Exchange Program

This educational program has been in operation since 1994. It aims to contribute to the transformation of the education system and inform students about liberally oriented programs in the USA. Students are selected by a commission consisting of OSI New York staff members and several American university staff.

Number of applicants: 27

Number of awarded scholarships: 7

Awarded Scholarships:

1. **Debora Betinová**, Bratislava
University of Georgia, Georgia, USA
2. **Peter Drál**, Bratislava
Bard College, New York, USA
3. **Martin Hamráček**, Bratislava
University of Vermont, Vermont, USA
4. **Žofia Lukáscová**, Banská Bystrica
Randolph Macon Woman's College, Virginia, USA
5. **Kristína Potúčková**, Trnava

- Duke University, North Carolina, USA
6. **Daniela Richterová**, Trnava
New York University, New York, USA
 7. **Kristína Velčíková**, Banská Bystrica
University of Washington, Washington, USA

Scholarship Program for Roma University Students

This scholarship program for Roma university students is administered by the NOS – OSF for the Office of Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Republic for the Roma Communities. The office provides funds for the Support Program for Roma Secondary and University Students based on governmental decree no. 278. The scholarships in this sub-program are designed for talented Roma university students from socially disadvantaged families. The scholarships offered are in amounts of SKK 15,000.

Number of applicants: 71

Number of awarded scholarships: 30

Awarded Scholarships:

1. **Zdenko Baláž**, Nitra
2. **Martin Balogh**, Nitra
3. **Štefan Berky**, Nitra
4. **Irena Biháriová**, Bratislava
5. **Jolana Čurejová**, Nitra
6. **Lukáš Daniel**, Bratislava
7. **Eduard Deme**, Bratislava
8. **Andrea Duždová**, Prešov
9. **Jozef Facuna**, Banská Bystrica
10. **Mária Gáborová**, Nitra
11. **Irena Horváthová**, Nitra
12. **Peter Jílek**, Bratislava
13. **Ján Juriščin**, Nitra
14. **Martin Kochlic**, Bratislava
15. **Viera Kokyová**, Nitra
16. **Štefan Kovács**, Nitra
17. **Jana Kroková**, Prešov
18. **Marcela Kroková**, Nitra
19. **Milan Lakatoš**, Nitra
20. **Igor Petráš**, Košice
21. **Milan Rafael**, Trnava
22. **Helena Rafaelová**, Nitra
23. **Milan Šandor**, Košice
24. **Zsolt Szajkó**, Banská Bystrica
25. **Attila Szajkó**, Nitra
26. **Lenka Tancošová**, Košice
27. **Katarína Tokárová**, Nitra
28. **Ľubomír Žolták**, Košice
29. **Beáta Žoltáková**, Nitra
30. **Juraj Žugan**, Nitra

Soros Supplementary Grants Program

This educational program has been conducted since 1997 with a view to enabling university students and Ph.D. students from Central and Eastern Europe, studying in another country within the region, to fundraise for supplementary resources for their studies. NOS – OSF administers the selection of students from Slovakia. Students are selected by OSI Budapest representatives.

Number of applicants: 42

Number of awarded scholarships: 11

Awarded Scholarships:

1. **Alena Dodoková**, Czech Republic
Law, USD 500
2. **Tomáš Dzurilla**, Czech Republic
Economic Theory, USD 1,000
3. **Malvina Hladká**, Czech Republic
International Relations, USD 1,000
4. **Barbora Kimáková**, Czech Republic
Politics, Slavic Languages, USD 800
5. **Jakub Macák**, Czech Republic
Law, USD 1,000
6. **Ľubica Melcerová**, Czech Republic
Scenography, USD 800
7. **Jaroslava Panáková**, Russia
Social Anthropology, USD 1,000
8. **Dalibor Roháč**, Czech Republic
Economic Theory, USD 1,000
9. **Emoke Szilva**, Czech Republic
Sculpture, USD 2,000
10. **Jana Tothová**, Czech Republic
Psychology, USD 1,600
11. **Jana Znasíková**, Czech Republic
Experimental Film, USD 500

Global Supplementary Grants Program

This educational program has been in operation since 1999 with a view to enabling students interested in Ph.D. programs, beyond their country of origin and out of Central and Eastern Europe, to fundraise supplementary resources for their studies. The program was closed down in 2003.

Number of applicants: 6

Number of awarded scholarships: 3

Awarded Scholarships:

1. **Zuzana Hlaváčová**, Florida International University, USD 4,500
2. **Dagmar Kusá**, Boston University, USD 2,250
3. **Ivana Takačová**, University of Iowa USD 400

Secondary School Scholarships

Secondary School Scholarship Program

This educational program has been in operation since 1993 with a view to providing students with an opportunity to study in American or British secondary schools. In this way students may become familiar with and understand diverse cultures, learn about different lifestyles abroad by staying with host families, enrolling in educational programs as well as becoming involved in clubs and community activities. NOS – OSF administers the selection process for students from Slovakia.

Scholarships in 2003/04:

ASSIST, USA, 1-year stays:	4 scholarships
HMC, Great Britain, 1-year stays:	5 scholarships

Number of applicants: 205

Number of awarded scholarships: 9

Awarded Scholarships:

American Secondary School for International Students and Teachers (ASSIST), USA – 1-year stay:

1. **Miriam Ferenčíková**, Bratislava
Wyoming Seminary, Pennsylvania, USA
2. **Jana Lukáčová**, Košice
Baylor School, Tennessee, USA
3. **Elena Pavolová**, Spišská Nová Ves

Francis Parker School, California, USA

4. **Matej Varga**, Bratislava
Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School, Georgia, USA

Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC) Projects for Central and Eastern Europe, Great Britain – 1-year stay:

1. **Tomáš Jacko**, Sučany
Bloxham School, Oxfordshire, Great Britain
2. **Piroska Pápayová**, Veľký Meder
Kent College, Kent, Great Britain
3. **Daniela Rajčevová**, Bratislava
Plymouth College, Devon, Great Britain
4. **Peter Sirota**, Bratislava
Rydal Penrhos School, North Wales, Great Britain
5. **Peter Takáč**, Nové Zámky
Strathallan School, Perth, Great Britain

Maturita Reform (Secondary School Leaving Examination Reform in Slovakia)

This operational, educational and grant program was established in 1999 on the basis of the Framework Agreement on Cooperation in the School Leaving Examination Reform Project. Under the Framework Agreement, entered into with the National Institute for Education and the British Council Slovakia, NOS – OSF has been supporting activities at individual stages of implementing the School Leaving Examination Reform Project.

The reform aims to introduce objective, national standard written tests and oral exams in core and selected subjects as part of the school leaving examination. In addition the project provides training for experts on setting tests and writing exam questions, as well as test evaluators and examiners. The National Institute for Education is in charge of School Leaving Examination Reform in Slovakia.

Grants:

1. National Institute for Education, Bratislava Training for Test Writers in the English Language and Humanities IV	SKK 180,040.00
2. National Institute for Education, Bratislava Publicity for the Maturita Reform Exam – Maturita Newsletter	SKK 111,738.00
3. National Institute for Education, Bratislava Maturita Reform – Part of the project coordinator's salary for the period November 03 through June 2004.	SKK 150,696.00
4. National Institute for Education, Bratislava Publication and distribution of the methodological material: Success in Writing the Maturita Examination in English	SKK 20,000.00

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

English Essay Competition – 9th year

This operational program, run each academic year since 1995, aims to motivate students to improve their English language skills, support talented and creative students to develop original thinking and ways of expressing their views on current, social and personal matters. The competition is designed for secondary grammar school students, competing in three categories (Junior: 1st and 2nd grades; Senior: 3rd and 4th grades; Anglophones: students of any grade who studied at an English school abroad for more than 4 months). In 2003, the competition was organized by NOS – OSF and SAUA/SATE. Competition rules are adjusted to the new model of the school leaving examination in the English language, in line with NOS – OSF's involvement in reforming the school leaving examination. In 2003, NOS – OSF published the 3rd Book of Winning Essays (from the 7th through 9th annual competition).

Essays topics:

1. **America - peacemaker or troublemaker?**

2. For thousands of years, people have been making music. Why do you think this is so? How important is music in your life?

3. The Olympics are no longer about games but about business.

Expert Committee:

Jana Bérešová, English language teacher, Testing SIG SAUA/SATE, Trnava University, Trnava

Jonathan Gresty, English language lecturer, Evangelical Secondary Grammar School, Prešov

Tor Lindbloom, American lecturer, 1st Private Secondary Grammar School, Bratislava

Paul McCullough, American lecturer, Faculty of Education, Comenius University, Bratislava

Tatjana Streberová, English language teacher, Department of Education, NBS, Bratislava

Number of essays: 815

Number of essays awarded: 12

The first prize in the "Junior" and "Senior" categories was a one-week English language course in England, sponsored by NOS - OSF. All winners were given the 2nd Book of Essays from this competition.

Winners in the "Junior" Category:

1st place – **Mária Őlvecká**, Bratislava

2nd place – **Andrej Schulcz**, Bratislava

3rd place – **Barbora Rőthová**, Bratislava

4th place – **Ivan Polák**, Sučany

Winners in the "Senior" Category:

1st place – **Juraj Halas**, Bratislava

2nd place – **Pavol Mikoláš**, Sučany

3rd place – **Ján Sedláček**, Levice

4th place – **Juraj Filkorn**, Bratislava

5th place – **Štefan Mikula**, Sučany

Winners in the Anglophone Category:

1st place – **Katarína Kopajová**, Bratislava

2nd place – **Daniel Samol**, Sučany

3rd place – **Katarína Chebeňová**, Bratislava

Program partners:

Slovak Association of Teachers of English (SAUA/SATE)

Sponsors:

British Council Slovakia

Cambridge University Press

CKM 2000 Travel

Information Center of Council of Europe

Longman Slovakia

Macmillan Education

Mimi Goosney and Arlene Barilec – prior Peace Corps volunteers in Slovakia

Oxford University Press

Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy

Sasakawa Peace Foundation – Sasakawa Central Europe Fund

Slovak Spectator

Slovak Ventures, Ltd.

Stiefel Eurocart, Ltd.

Foreign Language Publications – Friendship magazine

Summer School of English for Doctors – 6th year

This operational educational program has been running since 1998 in the form of a two-week intensive course for intermediate and upper-intermediate students of English for medical professionals to increase their active knowledge of general English, and their medical terminology. Doctors may apply to other health care and medical programs organized by NOS – OSF, where active and good English language proficiency is a pre-requisite.

Date and Place: June 29 – July 10, 2003, Mojmírovce

Lecturers:

The course was led by 3 British lecturers, all qualified EFL teachers, and two Slovak experts on English medical terminology:

Božena Džuganová, Jessenius Medical Faculty, Comenius University, Martin

Jarmila Galatová, Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University, Bratislava

Jonathan Gresty, Evangelical Secondary Grammar School, Prešov

John Kehoe, Faculty of Arts, Constantine the Philosopher University, Nitra

Conrad Riepl, Faculty of International Relations and Political Sciences, Matej Bel University, Banská Bystrica

Number of applicants: 45

Number of participants: 30

Participants:

1. **Ján Balla**, Nitra
2. **Viliam Bernát**, Bratislava
3. **Beáta Blahová**, Prešov
4. **Mária Cuninková**, Martin
5. **Róbert Čellár**, Košice
6. **Lucia Hančariková**, Humenné
7. **Renáta Hičarová**, Partizánske
8. **Elena Horváthová**, Bratislava
9. **Daniela Iliášová**, Bojnice
10. **Eva Janitorová**, Košice
11. **Alica Klečková**, Liptovský Mikuláš
12. **Mária Kmotorková**, Partizánske
13. **Daniel Kolény**, Nitra
14. **Andrea Koprdová**, Dunajská Streda
15. **Janka Korytárová**, Piešťany
16. **Erika Mináriková**, Prešov
17. **Martin Novotný**, Bratislava
18. **Zuzana Pechočiaková**, Nitra
19. **Helena Pidaničová**, Praha
20. **Kvetoslava Prcúchová**, Bratislava
21. **Jaroslava Pročková**, Martin
22. **Norbert Rácz**, Bratislava
23. **Marián Rebek**, Zlaté Moravce
24. **Boris Rychlý**, Bratislava
25. **Beáta Sokolová**, Bratislava
26. **Andrea Staššová**, Košice
27. **Eduard Šmotlák**, Radošina
28. **Mária Štefkovičová**, Trenčín
29. **Tatiana Urbanová**, Bratislava
30. **Iveta Zajacová**, Košice

Partners:

Chateau Mojmírovce, Ltd. – discount on accommodation, food and venue rental

Summer School of English for Roma

An operational, educational program in the form of a two-week intensive seminar for Roma participants with a basic grasp of the English language. This course was organized for the first time this year. Its aim was to enable Roma activists and representatives of partner NGOs actively working on Roma issues and programs for the Roma, to improve their proficiency in the English language.

Date and place: June 29 – July 10, 2003, Mojmírovce

Lecturers:

The course was led by 3 British lecturers, all qualified EFL teachers, and two Slovak English language teachers.

Božena Džuganová, Jessenius Medical Faculty, Comenius University, Martin

Jarmila Galatová, Faculty of Medicine, Comenius University, Bratislava

Jonathan Gresty, Evangelical Secondary Grammar School, Prešov

John Kehoe, Faculty of Arts, Constantine the Philosopher University, Nitra

Conrad Riepl, Faculty of International Relations and Political Sciences, Matej Bel University, Banská Bystrica

Number of applicants: 12

Number of participants: 8

Participants:

1. **Ján Badžo**, Kežmarok
2. **Ján Balog**, Hodejov
3. **Katarína Bartkovjaková**, Zvolen
4. **Roman Eštočák**, Bratislava
5. **Dana Horváthová**, Michalovce
6. **Viliam Rác**, Patizánske
7. **Gabriela Radičová**, Hnúšťa
8. **Vladimír Tancoš**, Prešov

Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference – One Year Stays by Slovak Teachers in British Private Secondary Schools

This operational educational program has been running since 1997 to enable young Slovak teachers to spend one year at independent schools in Great Britain in order to acquire new information and improve their knowledge of their subject's terminology and teaching experience. Participants teach their subjects and at the same time act as tutors to their students

Number of applicants: 41

Number of participants: 10

Participants:

1. **Jana Balázová**, Bratislava
Frensham Heights School, Rowledge, Farnham, Surrey, England
2. **Peter Fialek**, Banská Bystrica
Strathallan School, Forgandenny, Perth, Scotland
3. **Petra Gažová**, Žilina
St. John's College, Grover Road South, Southsea, England
4. **Jana Hlavinková**, Prešov
Sibford School, Sibford Ferris, Banbury, England
5. **Marcela Chovancová**, Banská Bystrica
Woldingham School, Woldingham, Caterham, England
6. **Lucia Janiglošová**, Prešov
Wellington College, Wellington, Somerset, England
7. **Veronika Krátka**, Banská Štiavnica
Rydal Penrhos School, Colwyn Bay, Wales
8. **Jana Kundová**, Prešov
Forest School, College Place, Snaresbrook, London, England
9. **Erika Repaská**, Bratislava
Culford School, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, England
10. **Michal Vančo**, Nitra
Rydal Penrhos School, Colwyn Bay, Wales

Partners:

Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference – HMC, Great Britain
Independent schools in Great Britain

Program Partners of NOS – OSF in Education

Wide Open School, Žiar nad Hronom

The Wide Open School Foundation was a follow-up to the Step by Step educational program, launched in Slovakia in 1993 by NOS – OSF and which in 1995 spun off from the NOS-OSF program structure as a separate program thanks to the establishment of the Wide Open School Foundation. This foundation aims to stimulate institutional and family education for pre-school age children and support children from socially under-privileged and disadvantaged families.

Grants:

1. Wide Open School Foundation, Žiar nad Hronom Step by Step	USD 23,000.00
2. Wide Open School Foundation, Žiar nad Hronom Step by Step Network Training	USD 28,000.00
3. Wide Open School Foundation, Žiar nad Hronom Step by Step	USD 11,000.00
4. Wide Open School Foundation, Žiar nad Hronom Step by Step	USD 200,000.00

□ PUBLIC HEALTH

Women's Health

A grant program in operation since 2002. The aim of the program is to support NGO activities dealing with the health and social problems of women, aiming to empower women to take responsibility for their own health.

Target group: NGOs

Grants:

Number of applicants: 3

Number of awarded grants: 2

1. Civic Association Chance for Zborov, Zborov Between Us, Girls	SKK 85,000.00
2. Slovak Association for Family Planning and Parenthood Education, Bratislava Enhanced Information and Awareness of the Roma Community and Marginalized Groups in the Gemer Region on Sexual and Reproductive Health, Family Planning and Sexual Health Risks	SKK 65,000.00

Health in Prison

An operational, educational and grant program that has been implemented since 2001. The aim of the program is to support NGO activities that cooperate with prisons in Slovakia with a view to improving health care for inmates serving prison sentences and prison staff.

Target group: Senior prison personnel and detainees in the A category (low risk prisoners with suspended sentences, attending prison at periodic intervals).

Operating Activities: Educational Activities in Slovakia

Alcohol Education and Solving Everyday Problems in Families with Addicted Members

June 13 – 14, 2003, Dubnica nad Váhom

The aim of the seminar was to inform prison educators from the Považie region about problem management for addicted people serving sentences and to encourage new attitudes towards self-help groups for addicted people serving a prison sentence.

Number of participants: 23

Partners: Detention Institute, Dubnica nad Váhom

Grants:

Number of applications: 2

Number of awarded grants: 2

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Legal House, Bratislava | SKK 351,600.00 |
| Public Assistance to Prison Inmates | |
| 2. Detention Institute, Prešov | SKK 40,000.00 |
| FIT FOR LIFE | |

Palliative Care

This grant program has been implemented since 1995. Originally, it was named the Gerontology program. It aims to assist NGOs and also state-supported institutions that have been providing palliative and hospice care. The support was also aimed at educating staff working in these organizations and the provision of technical assistance for hospice care and home care.

Target group: NGOs and state-supported institutions

Grants:

Number of applicants: 4

Number of awarded grants: 3

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| 1. Diocese Charity of Nitra, Nitra | SKK 100,000.00 |
| Improving Home Hospice Care in Nitra, Meeting Providers Home Hospice Care Needs from Slovakia and the Czech Republic | |
| 2. Advisory Board for the Field of Social Work, Bratislava | SKK 210,000.00 |
| Palliative Care and Working with the Public | |
| 3. Civic Association Hospice of God's Mother, Piešťany | SKK 90,000.00 |
| Hospice and Palliative Care Development in Slovakia | |

Mental Disability and Advocacy Program

A grant program in operation since 1997. Its aim is to assist in creating conditions for the full enjoyment of life for mentally and physically disabled citizens by making investments into sheltered workshops and supported housing for mentally disabled people. The program supports work initiatives and community involvement for mentally disabled people.

Target group: Mentally disabled citizens and civic associations involved in organizing relevant activities in line with the program goals.

Operating Activities: Educational Activities in Slovakia

De-Institutionalization of Services for Mentally Disabled Citizens

June 26, 2003, Bratislava

The aim of the meeting was to provide and share information and experience acquired during the educational cycle for professionals on mental health and advocacy carried out in Hungary and Croatia over the previous months. The meeting focused on the aims of de-institutionalization, foster family care as a prevention against institutionalization and information on the situation within the independent housing sector for the mentally disabled.

Partner: CA Inclusion Bratislava

Number of participants: 24

De-Institutionalization of Services for Mentally Disabled Citizens – Part II

November 24, 2003, Bratislava

Seminar reflected upon the Model Sites Project Program implemented in Hungary and Croatia during the past two years. The target groups were NGO representatives working in the field of mental health and advocacy.

Partner: Association for Mentally Disabled in the Slovak Republic

Number of participants: 26

Grants:

Number of applications: 7

Number of awarded grants: 6

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| 1. INCLUSION, Bratislava
Case Studies to Support De-Institutionalization (for mentally disabled people) | USD 17,871.00 |
| 2. ANNWIN, Banská Bystrica
Mental Disability Advocacy Project - Promotion of European View on Human Rights for Mentally Disabled People | USD 10,000.00 |
| 3. Integra Association for Mental Health, Michalovce
Training to increase quality of services provided in sheltered workshops for people with a mental disability | USD 5,362.00 |
| 4. Socialtransform, Žehra
Transformation of the Residential Home in Zehra | SKK 100,000.00 |
| 5. COMMON FUTURE, Šarovce
HEURECA II. | SKK 60,000.00 |
| 6. KLAS Residential Care Center for Pensioners, Vrbové (an old people's home, fee paying accommodation for elderly people providing full board facilities)
New approach to the Coexistence of Mentally and Physically Disabled People in the Community of Healthy Citizens in the Residential Care Center for Pensioners Klas, NGO Vrbove | SKK 36 000.00 |

Workforce Development in Public Health

A grant program implemented since 2001. Its aim is to support new teaching methods, approaches and education topics at the Faculty of Public Health of the Slovak Medical University, Bratislava.

Grants:

Number of applications: 2

Number of grants awarded: 1

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| 1. Faculty of Public Health, Bratislava,
Public Health Terminology | SKK 140,000.00 |
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Healthcare Informatics

A grant program that has been implemented since 1998. Its aim is to contribute to the dissemination of information about health care, service providers in the health care and social field etc. among professionals, experts and the general public via the electronic media. (Healthnet, Socionet)

Target group: NGOs

Grants:

Number of applications: 2

Number of awarded grants: 1

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| 1. SocioNet, Partizánske
Socionet – Social Service Server | SKK 345,000.00 |
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Roma Health

An operating and educational program that has been implemented since 2001. Its aim in 2003 was to create a new, efficiently functioning educational program primarily focusing on Roma reproductive health and sexual health education for young Roma people living in the Roma community. The program aimed to create a team of lecturers and develop a training manual that will be used to implement the program in Roma communities.

Target group: NGOs in Roma communities, Roma youth and young Roma mothers

Operating Activities: Educational Activities in Slovakia

Roma Health – Sexual and Family Planning Education

March 28 – 29, 2003, Pruské, Trenčín District

The aim of the seminar was to introduce teachers of mostly Roma students from the Žilina region to techniques for de-stigmatizing sexual health education and exchange experience on how to talk about these topics with mainly Roma girls, boys, young Roma mothers and other community members.

Number of participants: 23

Roma Health – Sexual and Family Planning Education

March 6 – 7, 2003, Bardejov

The aim of the seminar was to offer participants from the Bardejov, Svidník, Giraltovce and Prešov districts, skills and new working methods for engaging with Roma young people in the field of sexual health education and an exchange of experience on how to de-stigmatize this topic in Roma communities.

Number of participants: 25

Roma Health – Sexual and Family Planning Education

August 28 – 30, 2003, Lipovce, Prešov district

The aim of the seminar was to offer participants from the Prešov, Košice, Kežmarok, Michalovce and Trebišov districts, skills and new working methods for interacting with Roma young people in the field of sexual health education and an exchange experience on how to de-stigmatize this topic in Roma communities.

Number of participants: 15

Meeting of team of lecturers for the Roma Health Program – Sexual and Family Planning Education

November 14 – 15, 2003, Piest'any

The aim of the workshop was to confront the sexual education methods applied by non-Roma teachers and lecturers with methods acceptable to the program recipients: Roma young people and young Roma mothers. The second goal was to develop a lecturers' manual for those that will train selected target groups in the field of sexual education and family planning education in the next year.

Number of participants: 11

Preparation of educational materials:

Roma Health I.

Manual for Teachers of Roma Children, Authors: Eva Balonová, Ján Balon

Roma Health II.

Sexuality and Partnerships. Manual for Teachers of Roma Youth and Roma NGOs.

Authors: Mária Šimčáková, Patrik Tóth

Grants:

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| 1. Community Center Zborov, Zborov | SKK 68,000.00 |
| ABC of Growing Up | |

Community Involvement

A new grant program initiated and supported by OSI Budapest in 2003. The grant mechanism, selection procedure and selection itself was established by OSI Budapest. NOS – OSF provided for the grants' administration.

Grants:

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| 1. Slovak Public Health Association (SAVEZ), Košice | USD 20,000.00 |
| Community Involvement - Public Health Association Project | |

2. Stop Smoking, Bratislava

USD 18,610.00

International Conference: Access in Financing the Control of Tobacco Programs in Central and East European Countries (supported directly by OSI Budapest)

OSI Seminar Series

This education program has been in operation since 1996 under the name "Schweitzer Seminars" with the aim of supporting the participation of doctors and other professionals from the field of public health in international conferences, seminars, workshops etc. It provides them with an arena in which to present and challenge opinions; providing up to date information on given subjects; contributing to changing attitudes and implementing new knowledge in practice. Seminar topics are set by OSI-NY. The selection procedure was carried out in partnership with OSI-NY.

Operating Activities: Support to Experts Participating in Educational Events Abroad:

Building Coalitions for Tobacco Control

April 23 – 26, 2003, Sinaia, Romania

Robert Ochaba, Bratislava

Blažej Slabý, Bratislava

Regional School on Harm Reduction and Alcohol

June 4 – 8, 2003, Warsaw, Poland

Janka Hažírová, Bratislava

Palliative Care and Policy Development

October 16 – 17, 2003, Budapest, Hungary

Kristína Križanová, Bratislava

Gojdová Monika, Bratislava

Patricia Porubčanová, Trnava

EU: Effective Advocacy in Public Health

April 22 – 27, 2003, Riga, Latvia

Svatopluk Hlavačka, Bratislava

Ljuba Bachárová, Bratislava

Viera Rusnáková, Bratislava

Janka Hažírová, Bratislava

Salzburg Medical Seminars

This operational and educational program, implemented since 1993, aims to enable young medical doctors (aged 25–45) to become acquainted with the latest theoretical, practical and clinical advances in various medical specializations over week-long seminars in Salzburg, Austria. Top specialists-medical doctors from American and Austrian University Hospitals present the lecture program. Participants include doctors from about 20 countries of central and eastern Europe and CIS.

Number of applicants: 80

Number of participants: 36

Participants:

Pediatric Cardiology, Salzburg, Austria, January 10 – 16, 2003

Monika Kaldarárová, Bratislava

Lubica Kovačiková, Bratislava

Gynecology/Obstetrics, Salzburg, Austria, January 25 – 31, 2003

Katarína Dianišková, Košice

Sven Szedely, Zvolen

Neurology, Salzburg, Austria, February 7 – 13, 2003

Ivan Szabó, Bratislava

Jarmila Szilasiová, Košice

Neurosurgery, Salzburg, Austria, February 7 – 13, 2003

Andrej Džubera, Bratislava

Vladimír Kačuch, Košice

Martin Novotný, Bratislava

ENT, Salzburg, Austria, February 14 – 20, 2003

Khalid Abadi, Bratislava,
Vladimír Čalkovský, Martin
Iveta Kralinská, Banská Bystrica

Urology, Salzburg, Austria, April 11 – 17, 2003

Marek Brezovský, Nitra
Ľubomír Velk, Košice

Bone and Joint Surgery, Salzburg, Austria, April 11 – 17, 2003

Alan Dostal, Bratislava
Vladimír Kubinec, Banská Bystrica

Infectious Diseases, Salzburg, Austria, April 25 – May 1, 2003

Dana Hudáčková, Košice
Ján Uhrík, Bratislava

Psychiatry, Salzburg, Austria, April 25– May 1, 2003

Igor Kundrat, Košice

Internal Medicine, Salzburg, Austria, August 17 – 23, 2003

Mária Bartošová, Kroměříž
Ján Ušák, Trnava

Emergency Care in Pediatrics, Salzburg, Austria, August 17 – 23, 2003

Andrea Valapková, Trenčín
Norbert Surový, Brezno

Family Medicine, Salzburg, Austria, August 24 – 30, 2003

Katarína Križanová, Bratislava

Anesthesiology, Salzburg, Austria, August 24 – 30, 2003

Elena Horváthová, Bratislava

Neonatology, Salzburg, Austria, October 12 – 18, 2003

Martina Belošovičová, Bratislava
Alica Bystrická, Nové Zámky
Miroslav Stavěl, Martin

Cardiology, Salzburg, Austria, October 12 – 18, 2003

Michal Šašov, Bratislava

Palliative Care, Salzburg, Austria, September 21 – 28, 2003

Beatrix Bencsiková, Bratislava
Hedviga Jakubíková, Prešov

Substitution Treatment, Salzburg, Austria, October 31– November 6, 2003

Helena Drobná, Bratislava
Darina Chovancová, Bratislava

Imaging, Salzburg, Austria, December 12 – 18, 2003

Marika Vereb, Poprad

Pediatric Urology, Salzburg, Austria, December 12 – 18, 2003

Michal Bača, Košice
Jaroslav Molčan, Bratislava

Partners:

OSI – NY
American Austrian Foundation

Open Medical Club

This operational program for qualified medical doctors and other health care professionals has been in operation since 2001 with the aim of accumulating information obtained from Salzburg Seminars and other health care facilities abroad, duly applying it in practice. Open Medical Club Members follow the trends in the specific areas of medicine and try to utilize resources working on the Evidence Based Medicine principle. Club activities include professional seminars for medical doctors as well as the provision of valid and relevant information to the public.

Activities:

Regular Distribution of Hot Topics to all Club Members

Mechanical Ventilation in Neonates Seminar

May 29, 2003, Bratislava

Number of participants: 32

Presenters:

Prof. Martin Keszler, MD, Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA,

Silke Bahr, Dräger Medical, Lübeck, Germany

Slovak neonatologists

Partners:

Neonatological Section of the Slovak Association of Pediatrics

Dräger Medical

Harm Reduction Program

This operational, educational and grant program has been running since 1995. It aims to promote the harm reduction approach in Slovakia and the establishment of new demand driven services in the area, informing and providing education on harm reduction to relevant professionals, such as the police, regional governments, health-care professionals, social services, counselors etc, with the vision of introducing harm reduction into practice. In 2003, one of the main program goals was to develop curricula and teaching materials for the Harm Reduction course, that will be taught as a pilot at the Matej Bel University.

Target group: organizations providing field social work, mainly with injecting drug users, educational institutions and other relevant organizations

Operating Activities: Educational Activities in Slovakia

Seminar on Substitution Treatment in V4 Countries and Experience from the EU

March 13 – 14, 2003

A seminar for health policy makers, representatives of decision making bodies, professionals and potential service providers in V4 countries. The aim of the seminar was to provide participants with a floor to exchange experience and information on the introduction and provision of substitution treatment and its financial impacts, the development of national standards for substitution treatment, and the role of policy makers in its promotion and implementation.

Number of participants: 42

Partners: East – East Program, IHRD (International Harm Reduction Program OSI, NY)

Curricula Development Seminar for the Introduction to Harm Reduction Course

November 12 – 14, 2003

The aim of the seminar was to develop a curricula structure on course content for the Introduction to Harm Reduction and divide tasks among working group members for the pilot in the Department of Social Work at Matej Bel University. Also, the aim was to develop a structure and content framework of two more subjects on the topic of harm reduction that shall be offered in the upcoming academic years (depending on the accreditation process).

Number of participants: 5

Preparation of Educational Materials

Printing of the Safety First Brochure – Reality Based Approach to Teenagers and Drugs. Number of pieces: 2,000. Author: Marsha Rosenbaum, Ph.D.

Printing costs: SKK 58,345,20

Grants:

Number of applications: 4

Number of awarded grants: 5 (one grant was directly approved by the OSI IHRD NY)

All supported organizations were also given an option to purchase accounting software with the aim of improving the quality of their financial reporting and accountability. All organizations took up the offer.

1. Civic Association Heuréka, Banská Bystrica Alternative	SKK 556,020.00
2. Civic Association Helping Hand, Košice Clean Needle	SKK 567,280.00
3. Civic Association Helping Hand, Košice Purchase of Accounting Software	SKK 15,500.00
4. Civic Association Storm, Nitra Step Ahead	SKK 697,126.00
5. CA Heuréka, Banská Bystrica Purchase of Accounting Software	SKK 15,500.00
6. CA ODYSEUS, Bratislava Purchase of Accounting Software	SKK 21,500.00
7. CA PRIMA, Bratislava Purchase of Accounting Software	SKK 21,500.00
8. Civic Association PRIMA, Bratislava Prima Street	SKK 571,930.00
9. CA STORM, Nitra Purchase of Accounting Software	SKK 15,500.00
10. Grant awarded directly by IHRD OSI New York Civic Association Odysseus, Bratislava Harm Reduction for Sex Workers	USD 7,800.00

□ GOOD GOVERNANCE

Law Program

This operational, educational and grant program has run since 1999 in order to enhance civil society development by supporting legal reforms, the development of the legal infrastructure, legislation and humanization of the legal system. The aim of the program's activities is to contribute to changing the legal culture and mentality, protection of human rights and basic freedoms with a special focus on marginalized groups of society through providing support to specific projects.

Program areas:

- A. Clinical Legal Education
- B. Human Rights and the Fight Against Racism
- C. Reform of the Legal System, Judiciary, Police and Prison System
- D. Transparency and the Fight Against Corruption

A. CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION

A program area that focuses on providing support activities and cooperation with teams working in individual faculties on clinical legal education, new educational methods (live clients, mock trials) that provide students with practical lawyer skills. At the same time clinics provide free legal aid to disadvantaged groups.

There are three legal clinics in Slovakia, all of which were supported through the Law Program (see grant section).

Faculty of Law, Comenius University:
Faculty of Law, Trnava University:

NGO Section
Street Law Section
Asylum Law Section

Operating Activities:

Student Meeting of Slovak NGO Clinics September 26 – 27, 2003, Ružomberok	SKK 40,478.00
A student meeting of NGO Clinics at the University of P.J. Šafárik in Košice and Comenius University in Bratislava. The aim of the meeting was an experience exchange on the project's functioning and discussion on prepared legislative changes concerning the functioning of the NGO sector.	
Number of participants: 22	
Regional Meeting of NGO Legal Clinics December 4 – 6, 2003, Bratislava	
Meeting of teachers and supervisors at legal clinics that specialize in providing legal aid to NGOs from Central and Eastern Europe.	
Number of participants: 22	
Program partners:	
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	
American Bar Association - Central and East European Law Initiative (ABA/CEELI)	
Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) Columbia University, USA	
Faculty of Law, Comenius University, Bratislava	
Faculty of Law, Trnava University, Trnava	
Faculty of Law, University of P. J. Šafárik, Košice	

Grants:

Number of applications: 8	
Number of awarded grants: 8	
1. Alliance of Women in Slovakia, Bratislava	SKK 120,240.00
Operation of Domestic Violence Clinic in Cooperation with Trnava University	
2. Center of Clinical Legal Education, Bratislava	SKK 824,800.00
NGO Legal Clinic	
3. Citizen and Democracy, Bratislava	SKK 126,200.00
Street Law Clinic at the Law Faculty of P. J. Šafárik University	
4. Legal Clinic of Trnava University, Trnava	SKK 601,150.00
Support of Clinical Education at the Law Faculty in Trnava	
5. Slovak Helsinki Committee, Bratislava	SKK 84,400.00
Operation of Refugee Legal Clinic in Cooperation with Trnava University	
6. Slovak Helsinki Committee, Bratislava	SKK 599,120.00
Operation of Asylum Legal Clinic in Cooperation with Trnava University	
7. Society of Goodwill, Košice	SKK 130,040.00
Legal Clinic (Asylum Clinic)	
8. University of P. J. Šafárik in Košice, Faculty of Law, Košice	SKK 620,000.00
Legal Clinic at the University of P. J. Šafárik in Košice, Faculty of Law	

B. HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE FIGHT AGAINST RACISM

This program aims to provide legal aid to marginalized groups (foreigners, socially disadvantaged, marginalized groups) whose rights have been violated in any area of life where there may be a human rights violation, - but who have insufficient funds to cover the costs of legal services. The activities aim to fight racism through public events, activities organized by activist groups and work in schools using new teaching methods

Operating Activities:

Roma Advocacy Program SKK 10 000.00

December 4 – 5, 2003, Bratislava

A legal education program for representatives of the Roma Information and Counseling Centers provided in cooperation with a representative of NGO Citizen and Democracy and Legal Clinic at Faculty of Law in Kosice.

Number of participants: 12

Program partners: Roma Program of NOS – OSF, IPCR, Faculty of Law, University of P. J. Šafárik

Grants:

Number of applications: 10

Number of awarded grants: 6

- 1. Bratislava Citizens' Advice Center, npo, Bratislava I** SKK 293,000.00
Citizen in the informational asymmetry
- 2. The European Law Students' Association Slovakia, Bratislava** SKK 51,400.00
Moot Court Competition 2004
- 3. Citizen and Democracy, Bratislava** SKK 338,400.00
Future Human Rights Lawyers
- 4. Citizen and Democracy, Bratislava** SKK 600,000.00
Legal Aid in the Public Interest
- 5. University of P. J. Šafárik in Košice, Faculty of Law, Košice** SKK 105,000.00
René Cassin European Competition in Human Rights
- 6. Association to Help Persons with a Mental Disability in SR, Bratislava** SKK 247,000.00
Competency to perform legal services for persons with a mental disability and relevant regulations

C. REFORM OF THE LEGAL SYSTEM: JUDICIARY, POLICE AND PRISON SYSTEM

The status of the judiciary, police corps and prison service has been undergoing some changes. They no longer represent a repressive branch of state power, but are rather viewed as institutions serving members of the public. These institutions are not able to fulfill these challenging tasks without active involvement by citizens and their extensive cooperation. It is therefore necessary to open up their activities and make them available to citizens, eliminating barriers between citizens and institutions, addressing traditional fears associated with such structures.

■ JUDICIARY**Operating Activities:**

Court Management SKK 787,766.00

Introduction of new PC system into the courts. This system shifts much of the administrative duties from judges to administrative staff, randomly assigns cases to individual judges, thus increases the transparency of court proceedings. The Law Program, in cooperation with ABA CEELI and the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic provided training for trainers for the purposes of implementing the system and also participated in the development of new computer modules in the program.

Court Management Workshop SKK 43,955.00

May 11 – 15, 2003, Bratislava

International meeting of justice representatives, ministries of justice from selected countries of CEE/NIS and the ABA CEELI and NOS - OSF focusing on court management reform through comparative studies.

Number of participants: 34

Public Perception of Judiciary SKK 202,576.00

September 26 – 27, 2003

Conference organized by the Association of Slovak Judges in cooperation with the Law Program and ABA CEELI. One of the conference results was also the development of a survey on the credibility of judges in Slovakia.

Number of participants: 57

Judges and the Media SKK 3,000.00

November 27, 2003, Trenčianske Teplice

Seminar on proactive court communication for regional and district spokespersons.

Number of participants: 13

Partners:

American Bar Association - Central and East European Legal Initiative (ABA/CEELI)

Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic

Association of Slovak Judges

■ **POLICE**

Operating Activities:

SKK 46,678.00

Police and the Media

March – May 2003, Bratislava and Liptovský Ján

NOS – OSF, in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic and Regional Police Directorates organized a series of seminars for regional directors and spokespersons. The seminars were focused on developing an active and open attitude by the police towards the media and the public, as well as the development of communication skills, the usage of sensitive language in communication with the media, with a view to improving the police's public image.

Number of participants: 23

Partners: Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, Regional Police Corps Directorates in the SR

Training the Trainers on the Police and Drugs

November 29 – 31, 2003

International seminar on using the interactive Police and Drugs educational module, focused on promoting a harm reduction approach.

Number of participants: 26

Partners: Open Society Justice Initiative, Budapest, International Harm Reduction Development Program, New York

Interactive Training Methods for the Police

SKK 455,353.00

In 2003 the Law Program published 3 interactive CD ROM's on the following topics: Domestic Violence, Rape and Sexual Assault, Rape, and the Sexual Abuse of Children. The CD ROM's were developed by the Open Society Justice Initiative Budapest.

Partner: Open Society Justice Initiative, Budapešť

■ **PRISON SYSTEM AND ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING**

Operating Activities:

Information Materials about Probation and Mediation

SKK 23,115.00

In cooperation with the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic and probation officers the Law Program published information leaflets for the public on the probation and mediation service.

Regional Seminar: Standards in the Probation Service

September 13 – 14, 2003, Bratislava

A seminar for representatives of ministries of justice from Central and Eastern European countries on the development of standards, evaluation and education of probation officers.

Number of participants: 21

Partners: East – East Program, Penal Reform International, Bucharest

Grants:

Number of applications: 5

Number of awarded grants: 4

- 1. Citizen and Democracy, Bratislava** **SKK 921,000.00**
Multilevel Legal Educational Program for Penitentiary Institutions in Slovakia
- 2. Slovak Helsinki Committee, Bratislava** **SKK 534,182.00**
Monitoring of the Detention Center in Medveďov
- 3. Society of Goodwill, Košice** **SKK 445,160.00**
Detention Center Monitoring Project in Sečovce

4. **Slovak Helsinki Committee, Bratislava**
Monitoring Prison Conditions

SKK 614,110.00

D. TRANSPARENCY AND THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

The aim of the program is to draft and implement solutions to fight corruption.

Grants:

Number of applications: 2

Number of awarded grants: 1

1. **Alliance to Promote Fair Play, Bratislava**
Public Control over Public Administration Decisions

SKK 600,000.00

Training and Educational Activities in the Field of Law

Support for participation by individual experts at conferences and meetings organized by Justice Initiative, Open Society Institute, Budapest within its regional programs.

Development of NGO Anti-Corruption Manuals: Monitoring Political Election Financing

April 10 – 12, 2003, Kyjev, Ukraine

Zuzana Wienk, Alliance to Promote Fair Play, Bratislava

Managing Conflict of Interest – from Policy to Practice

May 12 – 13, 2003, Zagreb, Croatia

Pavel Nechala, Transparency International, Bratislava

International Anti-Corruption Conference

May 25 – 28, 2003, Seoul, South Korea

Zuzana Wienk, Alliance to Promote Fair Play, Bratislava

Presentation of Police Training Modules: Rape and Sexual Abuse of Children, Rape and Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence

May 28 – 30, 2003, Vilnius, Lithuania

Sylvia Králová, Fenestra, Košice

Marta Bujňáková, Regional Police Directorate, Bratislava

Human Rights and Public Interest Fellows Retreat

July 10 – 12, 2003, Istanbul, Turkey

Dana Mareková, CEPA, Banská Bystrica

Presentation of Police Training Modules: Traffic Violation, Communication Skills, Third Party Conflict Intervention

November 26 – 28, 2003, Riga, Latvia

Zuzana Porubčanová, Police Academy, Bratislava

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Police for Public Program

This operational and educational program has been implemented since 2000 under the name Open Police. The Police for Public Program is a new, pilot educational initiative implemented in cooperation with the Dutch Royal Police and the Regional Police Directorate from February 2003. Two final stages: Stage IV and V were implemented in January and February 2003.

Police for Public – Part IV: further education for the police force, both state and municipal police, working in the area of crime prevention.

January 27 – 29, 2003, Senec

Number of participants: 24

Police for Public – Part V: further education for the police force, both state and municipal police, working in the area of crime prevention. In the concluding part of the seminar, participants were awarded with certificates for completing all course modules.

January 17 – 19, 2003, Senec

Number of participants: 24

Number of guests: 12

Police for the Public – Public Performance and Communication in the Workplace

June 9 – 10, 2003, Liptovský Ján

Partner: Association of Women Police Representatives

Number of participants: 24

Target group: directors of district police stations in the Žilina region

Police for the Public – Public Performance and Communication in the Workplace

October 13 – 14, 2003, Opátka pri Košiciach

Partners: Association of Women Police Representatives

Number of participants: 26

Target group: directors of district police stations in the Prešov and Košice regions

Police for the Public – Public Performance and Communication in the Workplace

October 26 – 27, 2003, Donovaly

Partners: Association of Women Police Representatives

Number of participants: 26

Target group: directors of district police stations in the Nitra and Banská Bystrica regions

Police for the Public – Public Performance and Communication in the Workplace

November 26 – 27, 2003, Senec

Partners: Association of Women Police Representatives

Number of participants: 26

Target group: directors of district police stations in the Trnava and Trenčín regions

ETHNIC GROUPS

Roma Program Vaš Amenge – For Us

This grant and operational program has been running since 2001 with a view to strengthening the capacity of NGOs working with the Roma community. It aims to increase Roma participation in the administration of public affairs/issues and solving the situation of Roma communities in Slovakia as well as supporting local projects aimed at resolving Roma community problems and improving relations between mainstream society and the Roma population.

Program areas:

A. Roma Program Vaš Amenge – For Us

B. Regional Roma Information and Counseling Centers (IPCR)

C. Roma Advocacy Program

D. Project Cooperation by the Police with the Community and Minorities (CAPRA / CANADA)

E. Roma Initiative in Education and Upbringing

A. ROMA PROGRAM VAŠ AMENGE – FOR US

Operational and grant program

Operating Activities:

Technical Assistance on Founding Roma Community Centers (PHARE project)

PHARE project implemented by a consortium of partners aimed at providing technical assistance in founding community centers in 10 municipalities in Slovakia and training field workers that will work in the respective areas. Municipalities participating in the project: Belina, Čelovec, Hermanovce, Huncovce, Kecerovce, Pečovská Nová Ves, Svinia, Šimonovce, Šumiac, Telgárt.

Program partners:

Consortium leader: GET German Education and Training, Koln

Consortium partners: Partners for Democratic Change (PDCS), Milan Šimečka Foundation, InfoRoma Foundation

Roma in an Expanding Europe – conference preparation

January – June, 2003

In 2003, NOS – OSF participated in the preparation of the international conference – Roma in an Expanding Europe, organized by the OSI New York and the World Bank. The foundation's contribution consisted mainly in preparing Slovak delegates representing the Roma community and NGOs.

Program partners: World Bank

Training of Newly Elected Representatives in Local Governments and Mayors (for more information see Law Program)

March - April, 2003, Spišská Nová Ves, Lipovce, Rimavská Sobota

A series of training events for newly elected Roma representatives in local governments and mayors in the districts of Spišská Nová Ves, Kežmarok, Prešov, Rimavská Sobota.

Number of participants: 34

Program partners: Law Program of NOS – OSF, IPCR

Roma Health Seminar (for more information see Roma Health Program)

November 14 – 15, 2003, Piešťany

Working seminar aimed at assessing activities carried out in the field of Roma health and the preparation of health programs and training modules for Roma communities. The training participants were Community Center staff, representatives of the State Institute for Public Health and lecturers working in this area.

Number of participants: 11

Program partners: Roma Health Program

New Roma Generation Meeting**SKK 7,000.00**

August – September 2004

Involvement in the preparation and implementation of meetings with young Roma leaders aimed at analyzing the current situation and discussion on potential participation in solving the situation in Roma communities. Preparation of program and plans for the emerging New Roma Generation and educational activities for the young Roma community.

Number of participants: 10

Roma Memorial University Scholarship Program

The Roma program of NOS – OSF cooperated in the administration of the Roma Memorial University Scholarship Program/OSI by organizing orientation, individual consultations, providing translations, information distribution and communication with applicants for scholarships and scholarship beneficiaries.

Ex-Ante Evaluation Development for the European Initiative EQUAL in the Slovak Republic.**Topic: Overcoming Racism and Xenophobia on the Labor Market**

Involvement in the development of the ex-ante evaluation for the European Initiative EQUAL dealing with an analysis of the current situation, including an analysis of the legislative framework and target groups, preparation of draft priority measures for the EQUAL initiative in the respective area.

Program partners: Social Policy Analysis Center, S.P.A.C.E., NGO

Monitoring Roma Settlements

Preparation of the further monitoring of Roma settlements in eastern Slovakia carried out in cooperation with the InfoRoma Foundation between 2000 – 2001. The project goal is to update the monitoring results, data analysis and its comparison with the current position in the monitored locations. An expected project outcome is a publication summarizing these findings.

Program partners:

InfoRoma Foundation, University of Western Bohemia in Plzeň, Man in Peril NGO

Summer English School for the Roma Community**SKK 17,000.00**

(for more information see Summer English School for the Roma)

Grants:

Number of applications: 67

Number of awarded grants: 29

Call for proposals: Support of local projects targeting the Roma community:

1. Cespom, Lučenec**SKK 100,000.00**

Support for Poor Roma Children and Youth in their Social Integration

2. Dragoon Children's Travelling Theatre, Prešov O teatros pro drama – Theatre on the Road	SKK 73,500.00
3. Ways of God, Varhaňovce Young Roma People – Varhaňovce	SKK 31,000.00
4. Ways of God, Varhaňovce Young Roma People – Vyšný Mirošov	SKK 45,000.00
5. Club of Roma Activists in Slovakia, Hnúšťa Youth Infoclub in Hnúšťa	SKK 60,000.00
6. Roma Women's Club in Zvolen, Zvolen Out of School Activities for Children	SKK 60,000.00
7. TOGETHER Club in DETVA, Detva Closer to Each Other	SKK 80,000.00
8. Christian Association Word of Life, Modra Educational Program for Pre-School and School Children and Youth	SKK 70,000.00
9. Cultural Association of Roma in Slovakia, Banská Bystrica Community Field Workers	SKK 50,000.00
10. People and Perspective, Krompachy Enhanced Education in the Communities, Hygienic Standards	SKK 30,000.00
11. Kindergarten, Košice Čikuli – Cleanliness, Literature, Inspiration	SKK 50,000.00
12. Citizen and Democracy, Bratislava Let's Get To Know One Another and Find a Common Language	SKK 40,000.00
13. Civic Association The Way of Hope, Žiar nad Hronom Community Club	SKK 80,000.00
14. Civic Association Compass, Brodské Chance for Life	SKK 30,000.00
15. Civic Association Hope for Children, Banská Bystrica Responsibility	SKK 82,000.00
16. Civic Association Tobiaš, Prešov Mobile Kindergarten	SKK 88,000.00
17. Civil Association – Educational Hatchery for Businessmen, Kokava nad Rimavicou Chance for Kokava nad Rimavicou	SKK 80,000.00
18. Civic Association for Municipal Development by Local Enthusiasts in Klenovec, Rodon, Klenovec Through Knowledge to a Better Coexistence	SKK 30,000.00
19. +Čičava Municipality, Čičava Step by Step	SKK 80,000.00
20. Municipal Office Kuklov, Kuklov We are Here Too	SKK 30,000.00
21. Enlightenment for the Myjava Roma, Myjava We Can Do It Together	SKK 70,000.00

22. Civic Association The Way – Drom Veľké Leváre, Veľké Leváre Education and Leisure Time	SKK 20,000.00
23. Civic Association Little Spring, Bratislava Small Artistic Workshops	SKK 20,000.00
24. Orthodox Academy in Slovakia: Educational, Cultural, Social and Information Center, Michalovce Club for Everyone	SKK 60,000.00
25. Reform Association of the Roma Youth, Liptovský Hrádok International Roma Day - Celebration	SKK 8,800.00
26. Parents Association at the Second Primary School, Detva Let's Help Roma Children	SKK 16,800.00
27. PERSEUS Association, Kurov Roma People Write Projects on the Computer	SKK 24,000.00
28. Stanley Club, Spišské Tomášovce Everyone is Active	SKK 50,000.00
29. Variant, Košice – Krásna Let's Get to Know Each Other and Find a Common Language	SKK 30,000.00
30. Wyfalu – New Village, NGO, Pečovská Nová Ves Community Work with the Roma Minority in Pečovská Nová Ves	SKK 75,000.00
31. Primary School Rudňany, Rudňany Follow up to Activities in the Pre-School Facility in the 5RP II	SKK 62,050.00
32. Primary School with the Kindergarten, Hrnčiarska Ves Help to Roma Children	SKK 50,000.00
33. Elementary School, Hlavná 2, Dolný Pial, Dolný Pial We Are Here Too	SKK 30,000.00
34. Association of Roma Heart, Malý Slavkov Grab Hold of a Chance	SKK 40,000.00

B. REGIONAL ROMA INFORMATION AND COUNSELING CENTERS (IPCR)

This operational and grant program has been running since 2001. Its aim is to build a strong NGO network to operate as regional information and counseling centers, offering advice and information to the public and NGOs. It intends to strengthen partnership and cross-sector cooperation in regions when dealing with solving the problems of the Roma communities and improving relations between the majority population and the Roma. NOS – OSF coordinates the centers' activities and provides resources for their technical assistance and further education on relevant topics. In 2003 the network was expanded to include 4 new centers.

List of Regional Roma Information and Counseling Centers:

Center for Development of Roma Culture and Identity, Bardejov
 Roma Information and Counseling Center, Čata
 Roma Information and Counseling Center, Humenné
 Roma Information and Counseling Center, Kežmarok
 Roma Information and Counseling Center, Michalovce
 Roma Information and Counseling Center, Poltár
 Roma Information and Counseling Center, Prešov
 Roma Information and Counseling Center, Rimavská Sobota
 Roma Information and Counseling Center, Stropkov
 Roma Information and Counseling Center, Trenčín
 Roma Information and Counseling Center, Žiar nad Hronom

Operating Activities

Strengthening Cross-Sector Cooperation

A series of meetings of NOS – OSF's and IPCR's representatives with representatives of state administration and regional self-governments with the aim of strengthening cooperation, the creation of joint programs for Roma communities and coordination of the activities in regions.

Coordination and Educational Meetings of IPCR

SKK 25,000.00

A series of meetings with IPCR's representatives aimed at strategic planning, development of team cooperation, financial management, sustainability and other important issues related with the IPCR's work. Experts from relevant areas were invited to participate in the meetings.

Number of meetings: 3

Number of participants: 15

Creation of IPCR Webpage

SKK 20,200.00

Development and administration of IPCR's webpage (www.ipcr.sk). The aim of the project is to provide information about the IPCR's network, current issues and topics relevant for Roma communities in Slovakia.

Grants:

Number of applications: 17

Number of awarded grants: 6

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| 1. Community – Place for Everyone, Kežmarok
Roma Information and Counseling Center | SKK 120 000.00 |
| 2. Civic Association New Road, Michalovce
Roma Information and Counseling Center | SKK 700,000.00 |
| 3. Civic Association of Roma in Slovakia, Bratislava
Center for Development of Roma Culture and Identity for the Bratislava Region | SKK 600,000.00 |
| 4. Civic Association DROMOS, Stropkov
Roma Information and Counseling Center | SKK 90,000.00 |
| 5. Civic Association Citizen for Society, Ľubiša
Roma Information, Counseling and Coordination Center | SKK 120,000.00 |
| 6. Civic Association Romane Jile, Čata
Romano Kher - Roma Information and Counseling Center | SKK 120,000.00 |

C. ROMA ADVOCACY PROGRAM

An operational program implemented since 2002. Its aim is to establish a communication network of trained activists capable of providing citizens, mainly from Roma communities, basic legal aid. The Advisory Centers work under the supervision of lawyers who provide professional counseling or legal representation.

Operating Activities:

Legal Training

SKK 25,000.00

December 4 – 5, 2003, Bratislava

The second in a series of twelve legal training events for IPCR representatives.

Number of participants: 12

Program partners:

Law Program of NOS – OSF, IPCR, Citizen and Democracy

D. POLICE COOPERATION WITH THE COMMUNITY AND MINORITIES CAPRA/CANADA

The aim of the program is to present the Canadian Royal Mounted Police CAPRA's model of work and implement it into the educational system and police work in Slovakia. The project is aimed at police cooperation in the community: community policing and problem resolution for ethnically mixed communities with participation from relevant partners. The results from the workshops are specific cooperation projects aimed at solving the individual problems of particular communities. NOS – OSF coordinates the program activities, including organization of community workshops and pilot project monitoring in Banská Bystrica, Prešov and Spišská Nová Ves and the preparation of the implementation of "community policing" in cooperation with the Police Headquarters of the Slovak Republic.

Operating Activities:

Seminar on Police Cooperation with the Community and Minorities

April 24 – 27, 2003, Prešov

Number of participants: 12

Program partners:

Canadian Royal Mounted Police, Police Headquarters of the Slovak Republic, Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic

Seminar on Police Cooperation with the Community and Minorities

June 2 – 4, 2003, Spišská Nová Ves

Number of participants: 11

Program partners:

Canadian Royal Mounted Police, Police Headquarters of the Slovak Republic, Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic

E. ROMA EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE

Operational program implemented since 2003. The main goal of the pilot is to initiate changes in the education policy, enhance integration (and eliminate segregation) of Roma children through education and mainly increasing interethnic contacts and minimizing differences in school performance/success rates. The project is implemented in four locations: Jarovnice, Košice, Rudňany and Smižany. The goals are reached through the introduction of alternative instruction methods and changes in the learning environment. The project is co-financed by the ESP OSI Program.

Program partners: Wide Open School Foundation, SCHOLA Project

Grants:

Number of awarded grants: 4

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| 1. Wide Open School Foundation, Žiar nad Hronom
Roma Educational Initiative | USD 16,000.00 |
| 2. Project Schola, Košice
Roma Educational Initiative | USD 10,000.00 |
| 3. Municipal Office Rudňany, Rudňany
Roma Educational Initiative (REI) | SKK 153,000.00 |
| 4. Municipal Office Rudňany, Rudňany
Roma Educational Initiative (REI) | SKK 74,600.00 |

Women in Society Program

An educational, operational and grant program that has been in operation since 1998. The Women in Society program is part of the Open Society Institute's Network Women's Program. Its aim is to increase public awareness of women's human rights and contribute to the sensitization of Slovak society towards gender issues through awarding grants and organizing educational seminars. Through its Women in Society Travel Grant the program also supported female experts' participation in international seminars, conferences and workshops dealing with improving women's position in society.

Target group: NGOs, public administration, cultural centers, schools and other non-profit legal entities

Operating Activities: Educational Activities in Slovakia

Memory of Women Project: From Oral History to the Interpretation of Biographic Materials

February 28 – March 1, 2003, Bratislava

The aim of the international seminar was to present experience with oral history from the international project Memory of Women, information and experience exchange with experts from partner projects from the Czech Republic, Croatia, Hungary, Germany, Slovenia, Serbia and Sweden.

Number of participants: 60

Partner: Center for Gender Studies at the Faculty of Arts, Comenius University, Bratislava

Support for Participation in Educational Events Abroad – Women in Society Travel Grant

Number of awarded travel grants: 13

Overcoming Boundaries: The Process of EU-Enlargement and Visions of Europe from a Gender Political Perspective

February 21 – 23, 2003, Lichtenfels, Germany

Helena Mezenská, Poprad

Study visit to sister city Naperville and YWCA in Naperville, Illinois

May 16 – 31, 2003, Naperville, USA

Zuzana Dubeková, Nitra

Network Women's Program: Roma Women's Initiative Strategy Meeting for the Roma Women's Forum in Budapest in 2003

May 19 – 23, 2003, Ohrid, Macedonia

Andrea Bučková, Banská Bystrica

Viola Horváthová, Rožňava

Combating Domestic Violence and Trafficking in Women – European Experts Meeting

May 29 – June 1, 2003, Athens, Greece

Zuzana Magurová, Bratislava

Capacity Building for Women's NGOs in view of European Union Enlargement - NWP OSI and EWL training seminar

June 7 – 11, 2003, Brussels, Belgium

Dana Mareková, Bratislava

Alena Horváthová, Rimavská Sobota

Barbora Kachničová, Bratislava

The Second Demographic Transition in Europe: Euro-Conference on Implications of Family and Fertility Change for Individuals, Families and Society

June 19 – 24, 2003, Spa, Belgium

Alena Rochovská, Bratislava

12th European Regional Conference of International Council of Jewish Women

November 9 – 13, 2003, Paris, France

Marta Gyorióvá, Košice

Katarína Šalamonová, Košice

REWIND NET Annual Seminar

December 1 – 2, 2003, Zagreb, Croatia

Martina Kedrová, Bratislava

International Seminar on Funding for Women's Organizations in Central and Eastern Europe

December 4 – 8, 2003, Kyiv, Ukraine

Marcela Ondeková, Bratislava

Equal Opportunities for Women and Men Initiative – Strategic Meeting of Network Women's Program

December 15 – 17, 2003, Brussels, Belgium

Marcela Ondeková, Bratislava

Grants:

Number of applications: 79

Number of awarded grants: 30

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| 1. Women's Forum 2000 Association, Bratislava | SKK 150,000.00 |
| Strengthening Women's Capacity to Enter Public and Political Life | |
| 2. Puppet Theatre on the Crossroads, Banská Bystrica | SKK 125,000.00 |
| Story Tellers - Mother-Daughter-Sister Biography - selected works of American and Slovak women writers of the 20th century. | |
| 3. Center of First Contact in Levoča, Levoča | SKK 39,550.00 |
| Place for Women | |
| 4. Gender Studies Center, Bratislava | SKK 150,000.00 |
| Activity Development at the Center for Gender Studies | |

5. Citizen and Democracy, Bratislava	SKK 391,500.00
Increasing Public Awareness on Gender Issues	
6. Association of Women in Business, Bratislava	SKK 96,000.00
Children are Not an Obstacle - Women Returning to Work After Maternity Leave	
7. EsFEM, Bratislava	SKK 224,425,00
Gender Sensitive Education Model	
8. Civic Association Avelana, Michalovce	SKK 200,000.00
Center of Women and Mothers	
9. Slovak Crisis Center TOUCH, Beckov	SKK 120,000.00
Elimination of Domestic Violence in Cooperation with State Administration and the Police Corps	
10. FENESTRA Women's Interest Group, Košice	SKK 120,000.00
Pilot Project of Cooperation with the Police in the Košice and Prešov Region	
11. Association of Women "MYMAMY" (WeMothers), Prešov	SKK 120,000.00
Women Under the Spotlight	
12. Aspekt – Women's Interests Group, Bratislava	SKK 237,520.00
Information and Documentation Center for Women and Gender Issues - Transformation of Aspekt's Library, II. part	
13. Children's Fund of Slovakia, Bratislava	SKK 77 000.00
Women in the Safety Net – compilation and publication of a book and interdisciplinary training program on protection of women against domestic violence	
14. Civic Association Altera, Bratislava 1	SKK 100,000.00
Warm, Hot, Fire! Aspects of Lesbian Existence	
15. Aspekt – Women's Interests Group, Bratislava	SKK 100,000.00
10 Years of Aspekt - Publication	
16. Kangaroo, Mother's Center, Nitra	SKK 50,500.00
Neighborhood Community Center	
17. Mother's Center - Mami - OÁZA, Zlaté Moravce	SKK 70,965,00
Through Knowledge and Experiences to Self-Confidence	
18. Mother's Center JOY, Košice	SKK 28,740.00
Improving Professionalism at the Mother's Center JOY	
19. Civic Association Drobček - Center, Bratislava II	SKK 50,000.00
Ambitious Women	
20. Civic Association MAMILA, Bratislava	SKK 83,180.00
Breast-Feeding Training and Advice	
21. Civic Association of Roma Women Lucia, Košice	SKK 115,000.00
Reproductive Rights of Roma Women – What Are They and How to Exercise Them?	
22. CESPOM – Center of Social Assistance for Youth, Lučenec	SKK 171,004,00
Prevention and Assistance to Physically Abused Women and Girls from Socially Disadvantaged Families	
23. Community Center TOGETHER, Žehra	SKK 40,000.00
Roma Mothers	
24. Cultural Association of Roma in Slovakia, Banská Bystrica	SKK 86,100.00
Labaras e udud – Let's Light the Light	

25. Civic Association Hope for Children, Banská Bystrica Roma Women in the Family and Society	SKK 143,100.00
26. Municipal Office in Ondavské Matiašovce, Matiašovce Education: Road to Health for our Women and Girls	SKK 11,800.00
27. Civic Association PERSEUS Society, Kurov Roma Women in Zborov	SKK 36,600.00
28. Civic Association Help to Roma, Veľký Krtíš Enhanced Participation of Roma Women in Public Life	SKK 40,000.00
29. Association Health for Children, Michalovce Healthy Roma Mothers	SKK 11,170.00
30. Mother as Center of the Family, Banská Bystrica Do Not Leave the Love in Diapers	SKK 66,940.00

Public Administration Program

An operational and grant program in operation since 2000. Its goal is to contribute to open society development by supporting decentralization and public administration reform, development of public policy and enhancement of local self-governments' capacities and increased public participation in the decision making process.

Program areas:

A. Public Policy Development

B. Increasing Service Quality for the Public

A. PUBLIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The aim of the program is to support professional policy making in public administration at a central governmental level. It further strives to provide technical assistance in capacity building for public policy makers, achieve greater public participation in agenda setting, assure the use of alternative public policy tools; provide a continuous and synergic creation of public policy; support capacity building by enhancing technical skills and the analytical work of public policy makers.

Operating Activities:

■ Preparation of MA in Public Policy

NOS – OSF is a member of a working group introducing MA program in public policy at the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences at Comenius University. It is one of the first public policy programs in Slovakia that aims to achieve the qualitative standard of similar programs in well known universities abroad.

Program partners:

Slovak Governance Institute

ROI in co-operation with Erasmus University and Adviseurs voor Organisatiewerk, the Netherlands

Center for Policy Studies at the Open Society Institute Budapest

1. MA in Public Policy Curricula Development Seminar

June 16 – 17, 2003, Bratislava

Seminar for future public policy teachers at the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences at Comenius University aimed at developing course structure, syllabus, training materials, student evaluation and public policy teaching methodology. This was done with the assistance of various international experts (Leslie Pal, School of Public Policy and Administration, Carleton University Canada; Leslie Eliason, Graduate School of International Policy Studies, Monterey, USA, Andrew Cartwright Central European University, Hungary; Ig Snellen, Rotterdam University).

Number of participants: 15

2. MA in Public Policy Courses Development Seminar, December 9 – 12, Bratislava

Seminar and workshops aimed at developing MA study subjects on public policy, focusing on content, literature, structure, teaching methods, with the assistance of international experts (Guy Peters and William Dunn, Pittsburgh University, USA, Ig Snellen, Rotterdam University, Koen Becking, Public Administration Institute, the Netherlands).

■ Evidence Based Policy Making

1. Impact Assessment Seminar

September 4 – 5, 2003, Bratislava

Seminar for state administration representatives from Central and Eastern Europe on the development of impact assessment studies and their introduction in systematic public policy making in individual countries.

Number of participants: 24

Program partners: East – East Program, UNDP

2. Transparency and Efficiency in the Legislative Process of SR

Development of a study and recommendations for increased transparency and efficiency in the legislative process of SR (taking into account “good governance principles”).

Program partners: Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic

B. INCREASING SERVICE QUALITY FOR THE PUBLIC

The main goal of the program is to improve the quality of services provided by local and regional self-governments, as well as the highest state administration bodies in various areas of public life (health care, education system, social system etc.). Projects seek to increase public participation in the decision making process and support cooperation and development of partnerships between local and regional self-governments, the state sector, non-governmental institutions and business sector.

Calls for Grant Proposals:

Preparation for using EU structural funds (Development of Regional Development Plans): 24 grants awarded

Public Participation: 14 grants awarded

Open grant – call for proposals: 4 grants awarded

Operating Activities:

1. Training of Newly Elected Local Self-government Representatives and Mayors **SKK 83,504.00**

March – April 2003, Spišská Nová Ves, Lipovce, Rimavská Sobota

A series of training events for newly elected Roma self-government representatives and mayors on the legislative framework governing the work of local self-governments, competencies and the financing of local self-governments. The training events were held in regions with a high portion of Roma representation in local self-governments: Spišská Nová Ves, Kežmarok, Prešov, Rimavská Sobota.

Number of participants: 34

Program partners: NOS – OSF's Roma Program, IPCR

Grants:

Number of grant applications: 146

Number of grants awarded: 42

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| 1. A – Project, Liptovský Hrádok | SKK 368,500.00 |
| Liptov on its Way to the European Union | |
| 2. Human Beings and the Future, Veľký Krtíš | SKK 39,950.00 |
| 13 Meetings | |
| 3. House of Europe, Bratislava | SKK 311,000.00 |
| Ethical Minimum for Self-Government | |
| 4. ECROZ, Košice | SKK 38,700.00 |
| Preparation of Developmental Vision for the Košice nad Jazerom Community Through Analysis of the Citizens Index | |
| 5. The Grove (124), Rimavská Sobota | SKK 36,700.00 |
| Citizens Training Program | |
| 6. Civic Association Innova, Rimavská Seč | SKK 101,520.00 |
| Economic Development Plan of the Dolný Gemer Region | |
| 7. Strazov Club, Považská Bystrica | SKK 39,950.00 |
| Community Indicators | |
| 8. Brezno Town, Brezno | SKK 143,100.00 |
| Brezno – Gives You Its Hand | |

9. Dolný Kubín Town, Dolný Kubín	SKK 101,350.00
Municipal Strategic Development Plan for the town of Dolný Kubín with a 5, 10 and 15 Years Perspective	
10. Kežmarok Town, Kežmarok	SKK 20,000.00
Civic Participation in the Development Program of Kežmarok Town	
11. Liptovský Hrádok Town, Liptovský Hrádok	SKK 39,620.00
Citizens as Partners in Developing the Design of Liptovský Hradok Town Square	
12. Municipal Office of Stará Ľubovňa, Stará Ľubovňa	SKK 132,500.00
Strategic plan of the Economic and Social Development of the City	
13. Zlaté Moravce Town, Zlaté Moravce	SKK 26,654,50
Community Participation in the Creation of a Strategic Town Plan	
14. Žiar nad Hronom Town, Žiar nad Hronom	SKK 33,800.00
Public Involvement – an Inevitable Process in Planning Future Development	
15. Municipal Office of Rimavská Sobota, Rimavská Sobota	SKK 114,500.00
Preparation of Municipal Development Program	
16. Microregion Kľakovská Dolina, Horné Hámre	SKK 39,400.00
Common Future	
17. Nižný Orlík - Municipal Office, Nižný Orlík	SKK 196,520.00
Program of Social and Economic Development of Svidník and Neighboring Villages	
18. Citizens Action, Banská Bystrica	SKK 40,000.00
Participation in Strategic Planning in Nitra - Klokocina Neighborhood	
19. Civic Association KRTKO, Banská Bystrica	SKK 219,300.00
Support for Strategic Planning in the Pozdola Bystrice Microregion	
20. Civic Association for Development of Municipal Activities by Active Enthusiasts, Klenovec	SKK 101,394,00
Preparation of Development Plan for the SINEC Microregion and the KOKAVSKO Microregion	
21. Bôrka Municipality, Bôrka	SKK 188,884,00
Program for the Economic and Social Development of the Čremošna Valley	
22. Čajkov Municipality, Čajkov	SKK 102,150.00
Preparing a Regional Development Plan for the Microregion of Bátovce, Brhlovce, Čajkov, Devičany, Hronské Kľačany, Nová Dedina, Pečenice, Pukanec and Rybník Municipalities	
23. Hronské Kľačany Municipality, Hronské Kľačany	SKK 33,200.00
Healthy Municipality of Hronské Kľačany	
24. Malý Kamenec Municipality, Malý Kamenec	SKK 141,100.00
Developing a Social and Economic Plan for the South "Bodrogkoz" Microregion	
25. Municipality Sása, Sása	SKK 40,000.00
Citizens for Municipality, Municipality for Citizens	
26. Municipality Valaská, Valaská	SKK 16,000.00
Notice Board – Separated Collection of Municipal Garbage	
27. Municipality Vinné, Vinné	SKK 164,500.00
Program of Economic and Social Development in the Vinne and Kaluza Municipalities	
28. Civic Association People and Perspective, Krompachy	SKK 104,150.00
Common Step - Social Services House	

29. Civil Association for Support and Development of Regions, Prešov Education of Elected Roma Representatives in Self-Government	SKK 877,840.00
30. Civic Association Trend, Polomka Together to the 21st Century - Looking to the Future	SKK 39,900.00
31. Regional Development Agency Moldava nad Bodvou, Moldava nad Bodvou Preparation of the River Bodva's Catchment Area for Using EU Structural Funds	SKK 236,070.00
32. Regional Development Agency Senec - Pezinok, Senec Analysis of the Bratislava Region's Potential, Eligibility for applying for EU funds for NUTS 2 - Goal 2	SKK 211,300.00
33. Regional Training Center Prešov, Prešov Voice 21	SKK 39,500.00
34. Regional Association Vagus - Danubius - Ipolia, Nitra Single Programming Document – Access to Resources from INTERREG Program and Other Programs for Cross Border Cooperation Development in the Nitra Region	SKK 241,860.00
35. Slovak Academic Information Agency Žilina, Žilina Preparation of Economic and Social Development Plans - Preparation for Structural Funds in the Zilina and Banska Bystrica Regions	SKK 380,000.00
36. Veľký Folkmar for Association of Towns and Municipalities in Hnilec Valley, Veľký Folkmar Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Hnilec Valley	SKK 228,000.00
37. Rural Organization for Community Activities, Banská Bystrica Capacity Building in Rural Microregions	SKK 327,895.00
38. Biele Karpaty Resources, Pruské Together We Can Do It	SKK 67,806.00
39. Association of the Bebrava Microregion, Krušovce Development Program in the BEBRAVA Microregion	SKK 159,010.00
40. Association of the SVORNOSŤ Microregion, Chrabrany Collective Planning - Road to Success	SKK 159,340.00
41. Association of the Zlatnícka Dolina Suchodolie Microregion, Zlatníky Development Strategy for the Suchodolie Microregion	SKK 143,000.00
42. Regional Agency for Southern Slovakian Development, Lučenec Design of Social and Economic Development Plan for 3 Microregions in the districts of Lučenec, Poltár and Veľký Krtíš	SKK 334,992.00

COMMUNITY PROGRAM

An operational, educational and grant making program, implemented since 1996, with the aim of supporting the establishment, development and long-term financial sustainability of community organizations in Slovakia through grant schemes and technical assistance. Since 2000, a special three-year project *Support for Long-Term Sustainability of Community Funds in Slovakia* has been implemented. This program is financially supported by the C. S. Mott Foundation. In 2003 a "Challenge Grant" call for proposals was announced. This call for proposals was aimed at encouraging fundraising from local communities. The supported organizations had the opportunity to participate in training events, facilitated meetings and annual meetings through the technical support mechanism. These meetings gave birth to the idea to establish the Association of Community Foundations in Slovakia (officially registered in October 2003). In 2003, an overall external evaluation was carried out. After the evaluation, the program was concluded.

Operating Activities:

Study trip to Poland
September 2003

NOS – OSF together with the ETP Ekopolis Foundation organized a 4-day study trip to Poland for representatives of the community foundations.

Grants:

1. Bratislava Community Foundation, Bratislava Fundraising Plan for 2003	SKK 250,000.00
2. Liptov Community Foundation, Liptovský Hrádok Fundraising Plan for 2003	SKK 250,000.00
3. Prešov Community Foundation, Prešov Strategic Planning for the Prešov Community Foundation	SKK 10,000.00
4. Prešov Community Foundation, Prešov KNP Fundraising Plan 2003 – 2004	SKK 250,000.00
5. Healthy City Community Foundation, Banská Bystrica Fundraising Plan from Local Resources for 2003	SKK 250,000.00
6. Ekopolis Foundation, Banská Bystrica Study Trip to Poland of Community Foundations	USD 1,250.00
7. Nitra Community Foundation, Nitra Sustainability in the Nitra Community Foundation	SKK 250,000.00
8. REVIA – Small Carpathian Community Foundation, Pezinok Profits	SKK 250,000.00
9. REVIA - Small Carpathian Community Foundation, Pezinok Strategic Plan	SKK 10,000.00
10. Trenčín Foundation, Trenčín Fundraising Plan for the Trenčín Foundation 2003	SKK 250,000.00

Development of Democracy

A grant program implemented since 1992 aimed at shaping and developing civil society based on democratic principles. Two types of projects are supported within the program framework: pilot projects and projects aimed at developing and strengthening NGO capacity. The program was closed down in 2003.

Target group: NGOs

Grants:

Number of applications: 19

Number of grants awarded: 16

1. Agency for Supported Employment, Bratislava Supported Employment as a Tool for Systemic Change in the Transformation of Social Care	SKK 282,000.00
2. Alliance to Support Fair Play, Bratislava Training for Alliance Experts	SKK 34,700.00
3. ARTREAL Ltd., Bratislava Roma Fairy Tales on CDs and MCs	SKK 150,000.00
4. Donors Forum, Bratislava International Conference EFC Grant - Makers East Group	SKK 304,000.00
5. KALLIGRAM Publishing House, Bratislava The Bubble of American Supremacy	SKK 200,000.00

6. Children's Hope Club, Bratislava What's Up With The Children's Hope Club?	SKK 52,500.00
7. City TV Foundation, Košice Workshop: Investigative Journalism – Does Investigative Journalism Fit into the Local Media?	SKK 41,560.00
8. Charta 77 Foundation, Bratislava Legal Aid Services	SKK 1,200,000.00
9. InfoRoma Foundation, Bratislava Institutional Development of the Foundation	SKK 450,000.00
10. Milan Simecka Foundation, Bratislava Institutional Support	SKK 1,640,000.00
11. Civic Eye, Bratislava NGO Coalition for Better Election Laws for Voters and the Opportunity to Vote Abroad	SKK 350,000.00
12. Civic Association Against the Stream, Bratislava Support of Stability and Self-Sustainability of the CA Against the Stream	SKK 79,600.00
13. Roma Press Agency, Košice Roma Press Agency	SKK 153,000.00
14. Rural Organization for Community Activities, Banská Bystrica Building Sustainability of VOKA	SKK 270,000.00
15. KALLIGRAM Publishing House, Bratislava Europe Edition in OS Magazine	SKK 250,000.00
16. Children and Youth Association Ypsilon, Martin X. Year PAN 2003 - International Festival of Pantomime and Motion Theatres	SKK 80,000.00

TRUST Program

A grant and operational program in operation since 2002 through the support of the **Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe**. The TRUST program was established by three partner foundations: Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti – Open Society Foundation, Ján Hus Educational Foundation and the Children of Slovakia Foundation. They have also established a common expert committee for awarding grant support within the framework of individual sub-programs. The goal of the TRUST program is to secure permanent development and long term sustainability for NGOs in Slovakia. In 2003, 34 projects were supported within the framework of all TRUST sub-programs at a total amount of SKK 7,251,743. Fifty NGOs participated in the Education on Accounting and Audit Program.

Grants awarded to consortium partners for implementing their own programs within the TRUST program structure:

1. Children of Slovakia Foundation, Bratislava TRUST - Administrative Expenses 2003	USD 8,291.62
2. Children of Slovakia Foundation, Bratislava Increasing Philanthropy	USD 90,000.00
3. Children of Slovakia Foundation, Bratislava Cross-Sectoral Cooperation	USD 24,500.00
4. Children of Slovakia Foundation, Bratislava Evaluation	USD 5,000.00
5. Children of Slovakia Foundation, Bratislava Administrative Costs II - TRUST Program	USD 2,100.00

6. Jan Hus Educational Foundation, Bratislava TRUST - Administrative Expenses 2003	USD 8,791.67
7. Jan Hus Educational Foundation, Bratislava CVNO - Publishing Book "Project Management for Non Profit Organizations" - Re-granting	SKK 218,000.00
8. Jan Hus Educational Foundation, Bratislava Self-Financing Activities – Operating	SKK 498,220.00
9. Jan Hus Educational Foundation, Bratislava Self-Financing – Re-granting	SKK 6,681,370.63
10. Jan Hus Educational Foundation, Bratislava Administrative Costs II - TRUST Program	USD 1,100.00

■ **Programs implemented by NOS – OSF within the TRUST Program:**

Education on Accounting and Audit Program

In the **Improvement of the NGO Environment** segment, the Education on Accounting and Audit Program was opened in cooperation with the 1st Slovak Non-Profit Service Center, aimed at overcoming problems related with the insufficient professional skills of NGOs in their financial management. This program is the first program of its kind and is unique, because it responds to the economic needs of each and every NGO on an individual basis. The existence of due accounting processes is vital for NGOs and their future functioning as transparent organizations.

Within this program NGOs acquire services in the area of accounting, accounting counseling, accounting reconstruction, tax counseling, audit etc. and training for their staff on single and double entry book keeping, marketing, financial management, software. Fifty NGOs participated in this program.

Institutional Development of NGOs

Within the **Financial Sustainability area** the **Institutional Development of NGOs** program is aimed at stabilizing important NGOs that fulfill Trust program goals for a civil society. The program focuses on such NGOs that contribute to the existence of critical thinking and the development of civil society in Slovakia. The program has a twofold strategy: first, NGOs apply for support with letters of intent and then, only selected organizations proceed into the second round where they present a complete project. Thirteen NGOs were selected in the first round and provided with seed money to finalize the development strategy for their organization.

Grants:

Number of applications: 26

Number of grants awarded: 13

1. Alliance of Women in Slovakia, Bratislava Development of Democracy and Endorsement of Women's Human Rights	SKK 20,000.00
2. Amnesty International Slovakia, Bratislava Strengthening Sustainability for Amnesty International Slovakia	SKK 20,000.00
3. Education Center for Non-Profit Organizations, Banská Bystrica Institutional Development of Education Center for Non-Profit Organizations	SKK 20,000.00
4. Conservative Institute of M. R. Štefánik, Bratislava Institutional Development of Conservative Institute of M. R. Štefánik	SKK 20,000.00
5. M.E.S.A. 10, Bratislava Communication Strategy	SKK 20,000.00
6. Integra Foundation, Bratislava Developing Fundraising and Marketing Strategy and the Capacity of the Organization	SKK 20,000.00

7. Pontis Foundation, Bratislava Pontis Foundation Institutional Grant	SKK 20,000.00
8. National Trust of Slovakia, Bratislava Power of Example - the Road from Volunteerism to Professionalism	SKK 20,000.00
9. Non-Governmental Organization Fundament, Rimavská Sobota Building Institutional and Program Capacities for the Fundament NGO	SKK 20,000.00
10. Civic Association Odysseus, Bratislava Institutional Development of C.A. Odysseus	SKK 20,000.00
11. Victim Support Slovakia, Bratislava Justice for Victims	SKK 20,000.00
12. Social Work Advisory Board, Bratislava Institutional Development Aimed at Stabilizing the Social Work Advisory Board	SKK 20,000.00
13. Rural Organization for Community Activities, Banská Bystrica Building Sustainability in VOKA	SKK 20,000.00

Corporate Philanthropy Program

NGOs that are already experienced in cooperating with the business sector were supported within this subprogram. The sub-program goal and that of supported projects is to involve corporations and business entities in the community and address their social problems and solutions. The program aims at promoting philanthropy in the for-profit sector through providing better information about the role and benefit of NGOs in society.

Grants

Number of applications: 12

Number of grants awarded: 2

1. Pontis Foundation, Bratislava Business Breakfast / Social Responsibility for Corporations and the Media	SKK 177,100.00
2. Rural Organization for Community Activities, Banská Bystrica Corporate Philanthropy	SKK 347,600.00

SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

East East Program – Partnership Beyond Borders

The East East Program: Partnership Beyond Borders provides support to people and organizations to foster cross-border partnerships and collaboration to strengthen conditions for open society. It seeks to promote openness, dialogue, and the creation of neutral space for the presentation and discussion of diverse views. The program supports initiatives that foster cross-border communication between individuals and groups working on a local level, which leads to long-term positive social change.

Target group: NGOs and state institutions

Operating Activities: Educational Activities in Slovakia

Seminar on Substitution Treatment in V4 Countries and Experience from the EU
March 13 – 14, 2003

The aim of the seminar was to provide a platform to participants for information exchange regarding the introduction and implementation of substitution treatment, its financial impacts, and the development of national standards for substitution treatment. For more information see the Harm Reduction Program.

Number of participants: 42

Partners: Harm Reduction Program, IHRD (International Harm Reduction Program OSI, NY)

Impact Assessment Seminar

September 4 – 5, 2003, Bratislava

Seminar for state administration representatives from CEE countries aimed at developing impact studies and their introduction into the systematic development of public policy in individual countries. For more information see the Law Program.

Number of participants: 24

Program partners: Law Program, UNDP

Regional Seminar: Standards in the Probation Service

September 13 – 14, 2003, Bratislava

Seminar for representatives of justice ministries from the CEE and Eastern European Countries aimed at standard development, evaluation and education of probation officers. For more information see the Law Program.

Number of participants: 21

Partners: Law Program, Penal Reform International, Bucharest

Grants:

Number of applications: 24

Number of grants awarded: 7

1. Agency for Supported Employment, Bratislava Analysis of Good Practice Supported Employment Models	SKK 80,880.00
2. Institute of Historical Studies SAS, Bratislava History Workshop	SKK 50,100.00
3. INOVA Slovakia, Bratislava REGILOn	SKK 125,000.00
4. Pontis Foundation, Bratislava Belarus Youth Networking Project	SKK 611,618.00
5. Civic Association INAK, Brezno Integrated Education for Disabled Children	SKK 93,380.00
6. People in Peril Association, Bratislava Experience Exchange Between Kosovo and Slovak Journalists	SKK 133,416.00
7. Association SPOLU, Kremnica Methods and Practices of Local Development in Roma Communities	SKK 293,900.00

Operating Activities: Support for experts' participation in educational events abroad

We have supported the participation of 41 experts at 26 events.

Innovations in Training Curricula for Rural Development

November 21 – 24, 2002, Timisvar, Romania

Mária-Carmen Ivaničová, Krupina

The Use of the Ethics of Care Perspective in Social Policy

January 14 – 15, 2003, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Martina Jurásková, Bratislava

Zuzana Kiczková, Bratislava

Mariana Szapuová, Bratislava

Katarína Paľková, Bratislava

Ukraine and an Enlarged EU: New Relationships – Stage VII

January 23 – 25, 2003, Warsaw, Poland
Alexander Duleba, Bratislava

Western Choice for Belarus
February 6 – 8, 2003, Minsk, Belarus
Martin Valentovič, Bratislava

Strengths and Weaknesses in Local Governance: Romania and Moldova
February 19 – 22, 2003, Kisinev, Moldavia
Jozef Jarina, Bardejov

Gender Mainstreaming Policy in the Framework of the Environment for Europe Process
February 28 – March 3, 2003, Kyiv, Ukraine
Livia Bíziková, Bratislava

Community Development Partnership Building Program in Central and Eastern Europe
March 26 – 30, 2003, Sovata, Romania
Ingrid Bernáthová, Banská Bystrica
Anna Karailieva, Banská Bystrica
Renata Miklašová, Nitra
Leo Singer, Bratislava

Youth Involvement in Election Processes
April 28 – 30, 2003, Baku, Azerbaijan
Peter Smrek, Bratislava

Experiential Learning for Youth Workers: Capacity Building Network
May 2 – 12, 2003, Vilkiutinis, Lithuania
Stanislava Hederová, Bratislava
Michaela Šopová, Bratislava

European Studies Educational Course for Schools
May 21 – 23, 2003, Kyiv, Ukraine
Nataša Ondrušková, Bratislava

Displaced Cultural Assets: Property Rights and Political Problems
May 30 – 31, 2003, Warsaw, Poland
František Alexander, Bratislava

Ukraine and an Enlarged EU: New Relationships – Stage IX
June 26 – 29, 2003, Kyiv, Ukraine
Alexander Duleba, Bratislava

Act 4 Europe! Civil Society's Next Steps after the European Convention
June 17, 2003, Brussels, Belgium
Zuzana Fraňová, Bratislava

Elections Monitoring: Experiences of CIS and Eastern European Countries
July 15 – 17, 2003, Baku, Azerbaijan
Rastislav Kužel, Bratislava

Reforming Trade Unions: Experiences and Best Practices in Central Europe
July 18 – 19, 2003, Kyiv, Ukraine
Peter Novoveský, Bratislava

Patients' Rights and Development of Health Care Ethics in Central and Eastern Europe
August 21 – 23, 2003, Vilnius, Lithuania
Jozef Glasa, Bratislava

Globalization, Integration and Social Development in Central and Eastern Europe
September 6 – 8, 2003, Sibiu, Romania
Katarína Strapcová, Bratislava

Július Mastilák, Bratislava

Penitentiary Systems and Public Monitoring

September 5 – 7, 2003, Tsachadzor, Armenia

Martin Škamla, Bratislava

Improving Waste Management: Institutional Capacity Building and Strengthening Social Responsibility and NGO Participation

October 15 – 19, 2003, Sofia, Bulgaria

Juraj Farkaš, Bratislava

Network of Women Entrepreneurs

October 24 – 25, 2003, Sofia, Bulgaria

Elvíra Chadimová, Bratislava

Anna Angelová, Bratislava

Júlia Kramárová, Smižany

Zuzana Rejdovjanová, Spišská Nová Ves

Enhancing Transparency and Accountability of Police Arrests

November 7 – 10, 2003, Bucharest, Romania

Ingrid Baumannová, Bratislava

Educational Publishing in Small Countries

November 21 – 22, 2003, Budva, Montenegro

Mária Nogová, Bratislava

Sylvia Madarasová, Bratislava

I Vote For: Advocacy in NGO Practice

November 26 – 27, 2003, Kyjiv, Ukraine

Jan Oravec, Bratislava

Ivan Svejna, Bratislava

Community Development Network Building in CEE

November 21 – 23, 2003, Kunbabony, Hungary

Ingrid Bernáthová, Banská Bystrica

Leo Singer, Bratislava

Perceptions of European Integration: Ethnic Dimensions of Civic Life

November 21 – 22, 2003, Vilius, Lithuania

Michal Vašečka, Bratislava

Oľga Gyárfášová, Bratislava

Daniel Škobla, Bratislava

Contemporary Citizenship. The Politics of Exclusion and Inclusion

December 4 – 7, 2003, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Michal Vašečka, Bratislava

□ SOCIETY AND INFORMATION

Library Programs

Open Library Program 2003

A grant program implemented since 1994. The Library Program was targeted at empowering the libraries' position as community centers, with a special emphasis on disadvantaged user groups.

Target group: public libraries

Grants:

Number of applications: 37

Number of grants awarded: 12

1. 1. Elementary School in Jarovnice, Jarovnice Lively Library	SKK 10,000.00
2. Public Library of Horný Zemplín in Vranov nad Topľou, Vranov nad Topľou Roma Tales – Romane Paramisa	SKK 40,000.00
3. Anton Bernolák's Public Library, Nové Zámky Library as Roma Community Center	SKK 30,000.00
4. Public Library of P. O. Hviezdoslav, Prešov Let's Get to Know Each Other	SKK 20,000.00
5. Regional Public Library of Stará Ľubovňa, Stará Ľubovňa Growing Young with the Internet: Internet for Senior Citizens	SKK 30,000.00
6. Municipality of Gelnica, Gelnica Library - Gate to Mutual Understanding, Gate to a More Active Society, Gate to the Public	SKK 40,000.00
7. Local Cultural Center, Public City Library, Hriňová The Library as an Internet Community Center for Hriňová and the Surrounding Areas	SKK 35,000.00
8. Local Cultural Center, Public City Library, Trstená Europe – It's Also Us: The City Library in Trstená as the European Union Community Information Center	SKK 30,000.00
9. Cultural City Center, City Public Library, Sabinov Give Love Through the Book - De o kamľipen prekal e gendī	SKK 27,000.00
10. District Public Library of Dávid Gutgesel, Bardejov Even Blind Eyes Have the Right to Knowledge	SKK 78,380.00
11. Public Library of the Orava Region, Dolný Kubín The "SOVA" (Owl) Club - an integrated reading club for disadvantaged children	SKK 54,135.00
12. Public Library of Ján Bocatius in Košice, Košice Džanipen hin ufnošťa - Knowledge is Hope ...	SKK 100,000.00

Electronic Information for Libraries Direct

An operational program running since 2000 with the aim of making electronic journals accessible to interested individuals in Slovakia through a network of libraries. Since 2002 the program has been coordinated by the Slovak National Library. The original focus of eIFL *Direct* in the field of social, humanity sciences and medicine was enlarged in 2002 to include natural and technical sciences and the area of medicine is now examined in more depth. Activities in 2003 included needs mapping of the public, scientific and academic libraries through annual test access into the databases from the fields of economics, psychology, agriculture and other areas. The level of information among the library users has improved: both according to quantitative indicators and in terms of the quality of databases available. Areas accessible through databases were enlarged by pharmacology. For more information see. <http://www.eifl.net>

List of Libraries

Public Libraries

1. Slovak Center of Scientific and Technical Information in the SR	Bratislava
2. Cultural House	Námestovo
3. Galanta Public Library	Galanta
4. Ján Koniarek Gallery Library	Trnava
5. Pavol Dobšínský Gemer Public Library	Rožňava
6. Gemer - Malohont Museum Library	Rimavská Sobota
7. Anton Bernolák Public Library	Nové Zámky
8. Juraj Fándly Public Library	Trnava
9. Regional State Library of Karol Kmeťka	Nitra
10. Matej Hrebenda Public Library	Rimavská Sobota
11. Ľudovít Štúr Regional Public Library in Zvolen	Zvolen
12. Ľubovňa Public Library	Stará Ľubovňa
13. Municipal Library	Piešťany
14. Dávid Gutgesel District Library	Bardejov
15. Slovak National Library	Martin
16. Society of Saint Albert	Trnava
17. State Scientific Library	Banská Bystrica
18. State Scientific Library	Košice
19. State Scientific Library	Prešov
20. University Library in Bratislava	Bratislava
21. Ján Bocatius Public Library	Košice
22. Michal Rešetka Public Library in Trenčín	Trenčín
23. Mikuláš Kováč Public Library	Banská Bystrica
24. Western Slovakia Museum in Trnava	Trnava
25. Zemplín Public Library of Gorazd Zvonický	Michalovce
26. Žilina Regional State Library	Žilina

Academic Libraries

1. Academia Istropolitana Nova	Svätý Jur
2. University of Economics	Bratislava
3. Comenius University, Faculty of Physical Education & Sports	Bratislava
4. Secondary Grammar School	Trstená
5. Secondary Grammar School UDT	Poprad
6. Slovak University of Technology, Faculty of Chemical & Food Technology	Bratislava
7. In Service Training Center	Banská Bystrica
8. John Selye College	Komárno
9. Faculty of Catechism and Education of St. Andrew, Žilina University	Ružomberok
10. Comenius University, Faculty of Medicine	Bratislava
11. Faculty of Commerce	Košice
12. University of Prešov	Prešov
13. Comenius University, Faculty of Natural Sciences	Bratislava
14. Slovak Academy of Sciences	Bratislava
15. Slovak Library of Forestry and Wood Sciences	Zvolen
16. Slovak Library of Pedagogy	Bratislava
17. Slovak Library of Agriculture	Nitra
18. Slovak Postgraduate Academy of Medicine	Bratislava
19. Slovak University of Technology	Bratislava
20. School of Library and Information Studies	Bratislava
21. Technical University	Košice
22. Trnava University	Trnava
23. Comenius University	Bratislava
24. Constantine the Philosopher University	Nitra
25. Matej Bel University	Banská Bystrica
26. P. J. Šafárik University	Košice
27. University of Veterinary Medicine	Košice
28. Institute of Scientific & Technical Information for Agriculture	Nitra
29. Military Academy	Liptovský Mikuláš
30. Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts	Bratislava
31. Academy of Fine Arts and Design	Bratislava

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| 32. Research Institute of Forestry | Zvolen |
| 33. Research Institute of Plant Production | Piešťany |
| 34. University of Žilina | Žilina |

Medical Libraries

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| 1. Center for Treatment of Drug Dependencies | Bratislava |
| 2. Children's General Hospital | Bratislava |
| 3. University Hospital | Bratislava |
| 4. University Hospital of L. Pasteur | Košice |
| 5. National Oncological Institute | Bratislava |
| 6. National Center for Health Promotion | Bratislava |
| 7. National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases Institute | Bratislava |
| 8. General Hospital | Bratislava |
| 9. General Hospital | Brezno |
| 10. General Hospital | Stará Ľubovňa |
| 11. General Hospital | Zvolen |
| 12. General Hospital | Humenné |
| 13. General Hospital | Dunajská Streda |
| 14. General Hospital | Lučenec |
| 15. General Hospital | Nitra |
| 16. General Hospital | Nové Zámky |
| 17. General Hospital | Krompachy |
| 18. General Hospital | Svidník |
| 19. General Hospital | Považská Bystrica |
| 20. General Hospital | Rimavská Sobota |
| 21. General Hospital | Skalica |
| 22. General Hospital | Topoľčany |
| 23. General Hospital | Trebišov |
| 24. General Hospital | Trenčín |
| 25. General Hospital of F. D. Roosevelt | Banská Bystrica |
| 26. General Hospital of J. A. Reimann | Prešov |
| 27. General Hospital of Jitka Toroková | Topoľčany |
| 28. General Hospital of L. Dérer | Bratislava |
| 29. General Hospital of Merciful Brothers | Bratislava |
| 30. General Hospital of St. Cyril and Methodius | Bratislava |
| 31. General Hospital of Š. Kukura | Michalovce |
| 32. Oncological Institute of St. Elizabeth | Bratislava |
| 33. Philippe Pinel Psychiatric Hospital | Pezinok |
| 34. Psychiatric Hospital | Michalovce |
| 35. Psychiatric Hospital | Veľké Leváre |
| 36. Slovak Medical Library | Bratislava |
| 37. Secondary School for Nurses | Prešov |
| 38. Children's Institute for Respiratory & Tuberculosis Diseases | Dolný Smokovec |
| 39. State Health Institute | Zvolen |
| 40. State Health Institute | Nitra |
| 41. State Health Institute | Bratislava |
| 42. State Health Institute | Košice |
| 43. State Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology | Prievidza |
| 44. Institute of Parasitology | Košice |
| 45. Institute of Preventive and Clinical Medicine | Bratislava |
| 46. National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases Institute | Poprad Kvetnica |
| 47. Central Military Hospital | Ružomberok |
| 48. Research Institute for Child Psychology & Pathopsychology | Vysoké Tatry |
| 49. Specialized Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases Institute | Nitra – Zobor |
| 50. Respiratory Institute | Bratislava |
| 51. Drug Research Institute | Modra |
| 52. Research Institute of Rheumatic Diseases | Piešťany |

Other Libraries

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| 1. Ministry of Finance of the SR | Bratislava |
| 2. National Information Center for Firemen and the Rescue Service | Bratislava |
| 3. Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti – Open Society Foundation | Bratislava |

4. National Bank of Slovakia
5. Slovak Helsinki Committee

Bratislava
Bratislava

117 libraries in total: 26 public, 34 academic, 52 medical and 5 others.

MEDIA

In 2003 a grant was awarded to the Logos Ltd. publishing house for the publication and distribution of a unique manual *New Times – How to Produce Professional Newspapers* by Tatiana Repková. The decision to support the publication of the manual was taken by the media expert committee in 2002 based on its unique character and complexity. This is the first book of its kind on the Slovak market. The author provided the text to the foundation free of charge.

Grant:

1. Logos, Ltd., Bratislava	SKK 419,674.00
Publishing "New Times" Manual	

Program to Support Minority Journalism

The Program to Support Minority Journalism is a follow up to the Program for Talented Roma Journalists, implemented since 2001. The aim of a series of training events, carried out in 2003 was to provide further education for Roma journalists. The goal of the BARORO competition, also carried out in 2003, was to award articles that help to eliminate stereotypical portrayals of the Roma in Slovakia. The long term goal of the program is to assist in the education and development of journalistic skills for Roma journalists and their integration into the Slovak media and thus, positively influence racial issues in Slovakia.

Series of Intensive Training Events for Roma Journalists

March 2003 – December 2003, Bratislava (program finalized in January 2004)

The series of six intensive 3-day training events for Roma journalists had three major goals: enhance journalistic skills of participants, inform them about the basics of public relations and teach them how to prepare for meetings with well established Slovak journalists. The seminars also focused on the use of the Slovak language in the media. The participants could get acquainted with basic ethical problems in journalism and enhance their knowledge of law, international and domestic affairs.

Number of participants: 17 (10 participants successfully participated in the whole series and in January 2004 they were awarded certificates of attendance.)

Tutors:

Jana Paulovská, SME daily, deputy editor in chief for the regions
Zuzana Vatrál'ová, International Organization for Migration
Silvia Pintérová, PR manager
Sybila Mislovičová, L. Štúr Institute of Linguistics

4/6-Month Internships in the Mainstream Media

January 2003 – December 2003

The aim of the program is to create an opportunity for Roma journalists with previous media experience to enhance their journalistic skills during 4-6 month internships in the mainstream media and thus increase their employment chances in the mainstream media. The internships are lead by a tutor. Interns must create a portfolio of their work during the internship – published and unpublished. The aim of the foundation is to respond to the individual needs of the interns, their time availability and acquired level of knowledge, skills and professionalism. The internship also included two 3-day training events on journalism.

Number of applicants: 6

Number of scholarships awarded: 2

Awarded Scholarships:

1. Milan Berko, Kremnica	SKK 28,000.00
Internship in the SME daily, regional office in Kremnica	

2. **Miroslav Gergeľ, Zvolen**
Internship on the Romano Nevo L'il News Desk

SKK 28,000.00

Extended Internships from 2002:

Jozef Mako – SME daily news desk (extended internship)
Dagmar Horváthová – SME daily news desk (extended internship)

Tutors:

Jana Paulovská, SME daily, deputy editor in chief for the regions
Kveta Fajčíková, SME daily, regional office in Kremnica
Daniela Hivešová-Šilanová, Romano Nevo L'il

Journalist Competition BARORO – LITTLE STONE

September 2003 – December 2003

The aim of the competition is to encourage these journalists in their work to help eliminate stereotypical perceptions of the Roma in Slovakia by presenting their professionalism, helping to promote understanding between the Roma and other national groups in Slovakia or represent successful projects that have improved the living conditions of the Roma in Slovakia. Articles of any genre had to be published in the media in the period between October 20, 2002 to December 31, 2003. The competition was announced by the Office of the Plenipotentiary for Roma Communities in Slovakia. Competition organizers were the Office of the Plenipotentiary and Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti – Open Society Foundation. The results will be published in March 2004.

Partners: World Bank, Romano Nevo L'il, Roma Press Agency (RPA) and Romathan Theatre. The media partner was the Slovak Syndicate of Journalists.

INTERNET

Internet for Secondary Schools Program / Infoage Program

An operational, educational program implemented since 1995. The program goals include the integration of the Internet into the education and general "life" of Slovak secondary and primary schools.

Operating Activities: Support for participation in educational activities abroad:

YouthCaN Conference

May 3 – 5, 2003, Museum of Natural History, New York, USA

Support of active participation for Slovak secondary school students in the YouthCaN Conference in New York

Lenka Mackovjaková, Spišská Nová Ves

Katarína Petriková, Spišská Nová Ves

Peter Klinga, Spišská Nová Ves

Martina Galgócziová, Dvory nad Žitavou

Nikoleta Garaiová, Dvory nad Žitavou

□ ARTS AND CULTURE

Foundation Center for Contemporary Arts, Bratislava

Foundation – Center for Contemporary Arts (until 2002, originally named Soros Center for Contemporary Arts) is a long term partner of NOS – OSF in the area of arts and culture. Similarly to NOS – OSF, the original Soros Center for Contemporary Arts was established by George Soros. The aim of the foundation is to support activities in the field of contemporary arts.

1. **Foundation -- Center for Contemporary Arts, Bratislava**
Arts and Culture Network Programs

USD 1,600.00

Financial Report

The budget of the Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti – Open Society Foundation for 2003 was approved by the board of trustees on December 6, 2002, while the planned budget amount equaled SKK 155,000,000. The board of trustees set the foundation's administration costs at SKK 11,700,000. Budgeted administration costs do not include the depreciation of long term assets or potential exchange rate losses.

Overview of Revenues by Source in SKK and Donations Exceeding SKK 10,000

1.	SKK 81,120,529.06	Open Society Institute Bundesplatz 16, CH – 6304 Zürich, Switzerland Private Non-Investment Fund in Switzerland
2.	SKK 1,482,816.49	Ch. S. Mott Foundation Flint, MI, USA
3.	SKK 31,322,700.00	Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe, Washington D.C., USA
4.	SKK 450,000.00	Governmental Office of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava
5.	SKK 8,880.00	Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava
6.	SKK 787,669.61	PHARE
7.	SKK 224,433.93	United Nations Development Program, Bratislava Regional Center, Bratislava
8.	SKK 84,252.87	ROI, Dutch Institute for Public Administration, Den Haag, the Netherlands
9.	SKK 406,597.50	Various contributions from individuals for activities organized by NOS – OSF
10.	SKK 334,636.69	Received interest rates from the foundation's accounts
11.	SKK 203,588.88	Revenues from the CP sales
12.	SKK 39,526.30	Income from rent of assets
13.	SKK 11,665.00	Contribution from the share of 1% from income tax
	SKK 116,447,296.33	Total income

Balance of Assets, Flow of Assets and Liabilities

Foundation's Assets in SKK in Acquisition Prices:		as of 1.1.2003	as of 31.12.2003
1.	Software	1,711,765.10	1,786,243.10
2.	Small and short term intangible assets	172,876.55	172,876.55
3.	Real estate, construction	6,680,638.28	6,373,477.08
4.	Technical equipment	9,707,780.46	9,546,455.86
5.	Motor vehicles	1,235,300.00	1,235,300.00
6.	Furniture and fixtures inventory	379,257.40	0
7.	Small and short term tangible assets	2,129,382.55	2,129,382.55
8.	Lots	138,560.00	445,721.20
9.	Cash	21,258,133.32	21,512,988.40
10.	Financial investments	10,460,052.77	10,934,931.89
11.	Liabilities	69,954,441.79	48,610,291.81
12.	Future costs	1,302,988.59	1,183,974.95
TOTAL		125,131,276.81	103,931,643.39

Foundation's Tangible Fixed Assets in SKK After Depreciation:

1.	Software		1,253,654.30
2.	Small and short term intangible assets		172,876.55
3.	Building depreciation		573,617.00
4.	Technical equipment		7,930,205.71
5.	Motor vehicle depreciation		1,168,888.00
6.	Furniture and fixtures inventory		0
7.	Small and short term tangible assets		2,129,382.55
TOTAL DEPRECIATION:			13,228,624.11

Foundation's Liabilities:

1.	Liabilities towards suppliers	2,234,348.00	1,399,524.50
2.	Other liabilities	131,195.01	574,774.61
3.	Payable - grants	78,592,279.45	40,713,263.65
4.	Liabilities to employees	582,054.00	371,206.00
5.	Liabilities to insurance companies	177,798.00	67,435.00
6.	Liabilities to the tax office	-62,276.00	-124,474.00
7.	Other liabilities	9,022,870.43	21,088,323.93
8.	Basic equity	2,900,427.08	2,900,427.08
9.	Foundation's equity	200,000.00	200,000.00
TOTAL		93,778,695.97	67,190,480.77

Total Foundation Expenditures in 2003 Divided by Activity Types in SKK

Program Costs 2003	Program Costs in SKK
Education	16,671,307.51
International Cooperation	3,271,692.02
Society and Information	2,779,084.61
Public Health	8,338,134.47
Arts and Culture	57,593.60
Good Governance	42,702,312.55
The Roma	6,475,871.00
Others	5,313,045.52
Total	85,609,041.28

The Foundation's Administration Costs

Total Costs:	104,200,134.97
Out of which, activity costs:	85,609,041.28
Administration costs:	18,591,093.69
Foundation's administration costs:	
– property protection	21,240.00
– promotion	96,301.30
– operational costs	2,047,189.84
– travel costs	100,811.56
– wages	8,821,832.60
– other costs (exchange rate differences, depreciation, others)	7,503,718.39

Remuneration for discharging the function of the foundation's administrator or any other body set forth in the Foundation's statute.

NOS – OSF's bodies established by the Foundation's Statute:

Administrator

Monthly remuneration for the administrator in 2003 was SKK 25,000.00/month, total SKK 300,000.00/year.

Board of Trustees

NOS – OSF's Board of Trustees and its chairman obtained no financial or non-financial remuneration for their work in these positions.

NOS – OSF's Inspector

The NOS – OSF's inspector did not receive any financial or non-financial remuneration for his work in this position.

Council of Elders

Members of the NOS – OSF's Council of Elders – an advisory body to the Board of Trustees - did not obtain financial or non-financial remuneration for their work in these positions.

In accordance with Act no. 34/2002 Coll. on foundations, no other bodies of NOS – OSF were established by the Foundation's Statute.

Overview of Foundation's Fund Activities and Monies in the Foundation's Funds.

In accordance with Act no. 34/2002 Coll. on foundations, NOS – OSF did not establish or own any Foundation's Fund in the period of 2003.

Changes to Foundations Charter in 2003

In accordance with Act no. 34/2002 Coll. on foundations, NOS – OSF did not make any amendments to the Foundation's Charter in the period of 2003.

Changes to the Composition of the Foundation's Bodies in 2003

The Foundation's Charter stipulates the composition of the foundation's bodies:

Administrator of NOS – OSF

The foundation's administrator and executive director in 2003 was **Alena Pániková**

NOS – OSF's Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of NOS – OSF has 6 members:

Name:	Position:
Ján HRUBALA, Center to Support Local Activism, Bratislava	member
Grigorij MESEŽNIKOV, Institute for Public Affairs, Bratislava	vice-chair
Iveta RADIČOVÁ, S.P.A.C.E. Foundation, Bratislava	chair
Tomáš SABOL, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Informatics, Technical University, Košice	member
Katarína VAJDOVÁ, Civil Society Development Foundation, Bratislava	member
Mária ZELENÁKOVÁ, Partners for Democratic Change, Bratislava	member

The Board of Trustees delegates decision making on grants in specific areas to expert committees. The expert committees are bound to duly comply with the same rules as the Board of Trustees.

NOS – OSF PROGRAM STRUCTURE AND COOPERATING INDIVIDUALS

Executive Management:

Alena PÁNIKOVÁ	Executive Director
Magdaléna FENIKOVÁ	Financial Director
Zuzana KONRÁDOVÁ	Deputy Director for Program Administration
Katarína STAROŇOVÁ	Deputy Director for Strategy and Program Development

Executive Management Assistants

Alena TYRALOVÁ as of February	Director's Assistant
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Financial Department:

Miriám KOČIŠKOVÁ	Financial Assistant
Juraj STUPKA	Financial Manager

Programs:

Stanislava DZURÍKOVÁ	Community Foundations, NOS – OSF's Activities in Prešov
Roman EŠTOČÁK	Roma Programs
Janka HAŽIROVÁ	Public Health Programs, Open Police
Marek HAKAL'	Roma Youth Clubs, Roma Programs
Tatiana HIČÁROVÁ	Media Program, Harm Reduction Program
Viera KLEMENTOVÁ	Women in Society Program
Katarína KOUBEKOVÁ	Educational Reform, Scholarship Programs
Ľubica KOSKOVÁ	Library Programs

Zuzana OČENÁŠOVÁ	Law Programs, Public Administration Program
Jana PACZKOWSKA	EAST EAST Program
Katarína PIŠŤUTOVÁ-GERBER	Internet Distance Education Program, Electronic Publishing, Internet for Secondary Schools/Infoage
Elena SMOLINSKÁ	English Language Support Programs (SPELT, English Essay Competition, Summer English School, HMC), Maturita Reform, Salzburg Seminars for Medical Doctors
Ľubica TURČANOVÁ	Program to Support Minority Journalism
Irena VĚCHTOVÁ	NOS – OSF's Activities in Prešov, Roma Youth Clubs
Viiera WINFREY-MACHUTOVÁ (as of April)	Scholarship Programs

Program Assistants:

Peter BASLÍK	Civil Service
Peter BRONIŠ	Civil Service
Marko FENIK	Financial Assistant
Peter KOTVAN	Civil Service
Daniel MAŠEK	Civil Service
Ondrej SEGEČ	Civil Service

Expert Committees of NOS – OSF

The Board of Trustees delegates decision making on grants in specific areas to expert committees. The expert committees are bound to duly comply with the same rules as the Board of Trustees. Expert committee members gained no financial or non-financial remuneration for their work in these positions in 2003.

EDUCATION

Internet Distance Education Program

Dušan KULICH, Section of Life-Long Learning, Ministry of Education of the SR, Bratislava
 Tomáš SABOL, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Informatics, Technical University, Košice
 Imrich VAŠEČKA, Faculty of Social Sciences, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic
 Helena ZLÁMALOVÁ, Center for Development of University Education, Prague, Czech Republic

Public Health

Ljuba BACHÁROVÁ, International Laser Center, Bratislava and School of Health Managers, Bratislava
 Peter KRCHO, University Hospital Košice
 Viera RUSNÁKOVÁ, School of Public Health, Bratislava

Healthy Citizen

Prison Health

Ljuba BACHÁROVÁ, International Laser Center, Bratislava and School of Health Managers, Bratislava
 Gabriel BIANCHI, Cabinet of Biological and Social Communication, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava
 Gabriela JANÍKOVÁ, Department of Social Affairs and Family, Local Office Petržalka, Bratislava
 Michal KLIMENT, Slovak Association for Family Planning and Parenthood Education, Bratislava
 Gabriela PRELOVSKÁ, Pedagogic and Psychological Services Center, Bratislava

Gerontology and Palliative Care

Mental Disability and Advocacy Program

Vulnerable Groups

Ljuba BACHÁROVÁ, International Laser Center, Bratislava and School of Health Managers, Bratislava
 Monika GOJDOVÁ, Ministry of Health of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava
 Darina SEDLÁKOVÁ, WHO Office in the Slovak Republic, Bratislava
 Gabriela PRELOVSKÁ, Pedagogic and Psychological Services Center, Bratislava

Harm Reduction

Peter HRDINA, SANANIM, Czech Republic
 Ivan LUKŠÍK, Alcohol and Drug Prevention Civic Association, Pezinok
 Kasia MALINOWSKA-SEMPRUCH, International Harm Reduction Development Program, Open Society Institute New York, USA
 Zuzana Zajacová, General Secretary of the Ministerial Committee for Drug Addictions and Drug Control, Bratislava

Jagoda WLADOŃ, Monar Association, Poland

GOOD GOVERNANCE

Law Program

Marek BENEDIK, Havlát and Partners Law Attorneys, Bratislava

Bohumír BLÁHA, Law Attorneys, Slovak Helsinki Committee, Bratislava

Eva HANDLOVÁ, Bratislava 1 District Court, Bratislava

Ján HRUBALA, Department to Fight Corruption in the Governmental Office of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava

Henrieta KOLLÁROVÁ, AdvoCats for Women, Bratislava

Miriám SLOVÁKOVÁ, (until June 2003) Human Rights Section, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava

Ján ŠIKUTA, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Bratislava

Vaš Amenge – For Us

Columbus IGBOANUSI, League of Human Rights Activists, Bratislava

Eva KONČOKOVÁ, Open School Foundation, Žiar nad Hronom

Rastislav PIVON, InfoRoma, Bratislava

Šarlota PUFFLEROVÁ, Citizen and Democracy, Bratislava

Darina TÖKÖLIOVÁ, Association SPOLU, Kremnica

Zuzana TORDOVÁ, Partners for Democratic Change, Reconciliation Board Levice

Women in Society

Jarmila FILADELFIOVÁ, International Center for Family Studies, Bratislava

Adriana JESENKOVÁ, Club of Feminist Philosophers, Košice

Miroslav KOLLÁR, Institute for Public Affairs, Bratislava

Ľubica LACINOVÁ, Society for the Permanent Sustainability of Life, Bratislava

Jolana NÁTHEROVÁ, Civic Association Hope to Children, Banská Bystrica

Public Administration Program

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