Dedication

First and foremost we would like to thank our founder, Mr. George Soros, for his support and continued willingness to contribute to the development of open, democratic and modern society in Slovakia.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to all Open Society Foundation supporters, professionals and partner organizations with whom we cooperate for their assistance and endeavors in promoting our mission.
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About the Open Society
At its most fundamental, philosophical level, the open society concept recognizes that people act on imperfect knowledge and that no one possesses 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.

Who we are
The Open Society Foundation is a non-governmental organization that has operated in Slovakia since 1992. In 2005 our foundation supported 346 projects from other non-governmental organizations and individuals via its grant programs and scholarships. Our support and program activities were worth SKK 80 million. NOS – OSF is part of the Soros Foundation Network (see www.soros.org for more details).

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.

Our mission
We create opportunities for people to improve society by making it more open, transparent and accepting of equal opportunities. These values represent the ideal of an open society that best describes our diverse goal-oriented program and grant activities.

We support the following
- Marginalized groups and activities aimed at actively overcoming their problems and protecting human rights
- Developing philanthropy and the non-governmental sector
- Principles of good-governance and transparency in public processes
- Education at all levels
- Activities aimed at protecting public health
- Improving media

Open Society Institute
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, the 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 countries of the former Soviet Union. 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 includes organizations and initiatives 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 across the world.

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 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 promoting 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

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EDUCATION

HIGHER EDUCATION

Education Reform Support Program

An operating, 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. Via support for the decentralization of the education system it contributes to the improved management and subsequently the quality of education. The program has drawn up prerequisites for qualified discussion on education and educational policy.

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

Grants:

1. **Conservative Institute of Milan Rastislav Štefanik, Bratislava**
   - Reading Literacy as Education Quality Problem within the Slovak Elementary School System
   - SKK 300,000.00

2. **The F.A.Hayek Foundation, Bratislava**
   - Proposal on Methodology for Curriculum Reform for the Secondary Schools and Form and Content Analysis of the ‘Economy for Secondary Schools’ Subject
   - SKK 169,970.00

3. **Citizen and Democracy, Bratislava**
   - SKK 450,000.00

4. **Faculty of Education of Comenius University in Bratislava, Bratislava**
   - Innovation of the Education Policy Course at the Faculty of Education, Comenius University
   - SKK 150,000.00

5. **Slovak University of Agriculture, Nitra**
   - The Influence of Reforms on the Productivity and Quality of Universities in Slovakia
   - SKK 278,800.00

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarship program aims to promote the educational and information attainment of young people, students and teachers, motivating them in their personal growth and thus creating pre-requisites to continuously overcome academic deficits in Slovak society.
Central European University – Supplementary Educational Programs

An educational program coordinated by NOS – OSF between 1994 and 2005 to support academic cooperation and develop education within the CEE region, countries of the ex-Soviet Union and Central Asia through lectures, seminars and workshops for university students focused on innovating the curricula and teaching process. NOS – OSF administered Slovak student selection and CEU Budapest representatives selected applicants.

Summer University (SUN)

Awarded scholarships:

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1. **Daniel Škobla**, Bratislava  
Civil Society Organizations: Promoting Pro-Poor Policy and Social Inclusion, July 11 – 15, 2005

2. **Gabriel Pirický**, Bratislava  
History and Nationalism in Central Asia, July 4 – 15, 2005

3. **Gabriela Gregušová**, Bratislava  
History and Nationalism in Central Asia, July 4 – 15, 2005

4. **Michal Šipoš**, Bratislava  

5. **Richard Ružička**  

6. **Sunghee Song**, Bratislava/Korea  
Globalization, Governance and International Relations Theory, July 11 – 22, 2005

University Roma Students Scholarship Program

The scholarship program for Roma university students is administered by NOS – OSF for the Slovak Republic’s Plenipotentiary Office for Roma Communities. The office provides funds for the Support Program for Roma Secondary and University Students based on governmental decree no. 278. The scholarships are designed for talented Roma secondary school and university students from socially disadvantaged backgrounds.

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2. **Baláž Rastislav**, Poprad SKK 12,800.00

3. **Baláž Zdenko**, Hontianske Tesáre SKK 5,400.00

4. **Banom Tomáš**, Zalužice SKK 5,400.00

5. **Berky Štefan**, Piešťany SKK 5,400.00

6. **Božárová Andrea**, Komárno SKK 12,800.00

7. **Bužová Lenka**, Snina SKK 12,800.00

8. **Čonka Ladislav**, Vranov nad Topľou SKK 5,400.00

9. **Čonková Silvia**, Smižany SKK 12,800.00

10. **Csonková Marta**, Gemerská Ves SKK 12,800.00

11. **Daniel Lukáš**, Kopčany SKK 12,800.00

12. **Daníhel Vincent**, Bratislava SKK 12,800.00

13. **Demčák Marek**, Vranov nad Topľou SKK 5,400.00

14. **Dudyová Denisa**, Jaklovce SKK 5,400.00

15. **Duna Leonard**, Košice SKK 5,400.00

16. **Facuna Jozef**, Turany SKK 5,400.00

17. **Farkašová Tunde**, Rimavská Sobota SKK 5,400.00

18. **Ferencová Mária**, Humenné SKK 12,800.00

19. **Gabčová Kristína**, Poprad SKK 12,800.00

20. **Gabčová Ľudmila**, Spišská Teplica SKK 5,400.00

21. **Gábor Marek**, Kecskovce SKK 5,400.00
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SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Secondary School Scholarships

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 can 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 2004/05:
ASSIST, USA, 1-year study stays 5 scholarships
HMC, Great Britain, 1-year study stays 5 scholarships

Awarded scholarships:

American Secondary School for International Students and Teachers (ASSIST), USA – 1-year study stay
1. Barbora Konečná, Bratislava
   Episcopal Academy, PA, USA
2. Michal Krčmery, Bratislava
   Episcopal High School, VA, USA
3. Veronika Onušková, Košice
   Webb School, TN, USA
4. Mária Orogvániová, Sučany
   Christ Church Episcopal School, SC, USA
5. Zuzana Vikarská, Poprad
   The Williston Northampton School, MA, USA

Headmasters’ and Headmistresses’ Conference (HMC) Projects for Central and Eastern Europe, Great Britain – 1-year study stay
1. Kristina Košková, Bratislava
   Culford School, Suffolk, Great Britain
2. Matúš Nižnanský, Trnava
   Bloxham School, Oxfordshire, Great Britain
3. Martin Sopúšek, Sučany
   Framlingham College, Suffolk, Great Britain
4. Veronika Szalontayová, Košice
   Stover School, Devon, Great Britain
5. Soňa Urbančíková, Košice
   Wrekin College, Shropshire, Great Britain
Secondary School Roma Students’ Scholarships

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 School and University Students based on governmental decree no. 278. The scholarships are designed for talented Roma secondary school students from socially disadvantaged families. The assistance is designed for all types of secondary schools, including those with and without a graduation exam (vocational schools, practical schools) and higher technical schools.

January – June 2005:
Number of applicants: 352 from 60 secondary schools
Number of awarded scholarships: 339 from 57 secondary schools

September – December 2005:
Number of applicants: 663 from 67 secondary schools
Number of awarded scholarships: 452 from 54 secondary schools

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Maturita Reform (Secondary School Leaving Examination Reform) in Slovakia

This operational, educational and grant program was carried out between 1999 - 2005 on the basis of the Framework Agreement on Cooperation in the School Leaving Examination Reform Project, entered into with the National Institute for Education and the British Council Slovakia. NOS – OSF was supporting activities at individual stages of implementing the School Leaving Examination Reform Project. The reform aimed 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 provided training for experts, authors and test examiners. NOS – OSF awarded 20 partial grants at a total of SKK 4,523,830.40. The Maturita Reform program was terminated with the launch of the first school leaving examination based on new rules and principles. The project has created conditions for introducing major changes in the school leaving examination process in Slovakia, increasing the quality of education and more objective evaluation without regional differences.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

English Essay Competition – 11th 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 in three categories (Junior: 1st and 2nd grades; Senior: 3rd and 4th grades; Anglophones: students of any grade who studied in English school abroad for more than 4 months). In 2005 the competition was jointly organized by NOS – OSF, the British Council and SAUA/SATE.

Essay topics:
1. Consumer culture: the road to hell?
2. “I am (secretly) dating a Roma. What should I tell my family and friends?” Or can the Roma and non-Roma population happily co-exist?
3. Which is best for patients: pharmaceuticals or alternative forms of treatment?

Expert committee:
Jana Bérešová, English teacher, Testing SIG SAUA/SATE, Trnava University, Trnava
Dagmar Blight, English teacher, Filozofická Fakulta, St. Cyril and Methodius 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

Number of essays: 592
Number of essays awarded: 12

All winners were given a copy of the 3rd book of winners’ essays from the competition and small gifts from NOS – OSF.

Winners in the “Junior” Category:
1st place – Michal Fábián, Secondary Grammar School, Varšavská Cesta, Žilina
2nd place – Apolónia Sejková, Secondary Grammar School Konštantínova, Prešov
3rd place – Jana Kosorínová, Secondary Grammar School, Metodova, Bratislava
4th place – Peter Hakun, Secondary Grammar School of the Dukla Heroes, Komenského, Svidník

Winners in the “Senior” Category:
1st place – Elena Gurščanová, Secondary Grammar School, Grösslingova, Bratislava
2nd place – Timea Bábkí, Secondary Grammar School of Zoltán Kodály, Galanta
3rd place – Matej Mačák, Secondary Grammar School, Šrobárova, Košice
4th place – Eva Hanisková, Secondary Grammar School, Javorová, Spišská Nová Ves
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 private secondary 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 concurrently act as tutors to their students.

Number of applicants: 26
Number of participants: 2

Participants:
Ľubomír Čzanner, Bratislava
Erika Máliková, Bratislava
Queen's Royal Russell School, Coombe Lane, Croydon, England, Great Britain

Partners:
Headmasters’ and Headmistresses’ Conference – HMC, Great Britain
Private secondary schools in Great Britain

Family History Essay Competition

NOS – OSF carried out this project in cooperation with the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI) with financial support from the US Embassy to Bratislava. The essay competition designed for secondary grammar school students focused on the topic of family history.

The aim of the competition was to enhance young people’s interest in family history and their roots.

Number of essays: 35
Number of awarded essays: 3

Pre-selection committee:
Ladislav Čúzy, Department of Slovak Literature and Literary Sciences, Faculty of Arts, Comenius University, Bratislava
Frederik Federmayer, Department of Archiving and Related Historical Sciences, Faculty of Arts, Comenius University, Bratislava
The pre-selection committee selected the 6 best essays that were then reviewed by the CGSI committee in the USA, responsible for choosing the three winning essays.

1st place – Barbora Slabáková, Secondary Grammar School, Adyho 7, Štúrovo
2nd place – Soňa Smileková, Secondary Grammar School, Detva
3rd place – Viktória Tóthová, Secondary Grammar School, Adyho 7, Štúrovo

Partners:
Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI), USA
US Embassy to Bratislava

Nobody is Missing

Thanks to funds raised through the 2% income tax deduction scheme, NOS – OSF announced a special call for proposals “Nobody is Missing.” The program was designed for NGOs and public and local administration institutions cooperating with NGOs to improve access to education and increase the quality of education for marginalized groups.

The program aimed to contribute to overcoming the unequal position of marginalized groups through educational activities. The grant amount was set to range from SKK 10,000 to SKK 100,000 and project duration was recommended at 6 to 12 months. The total amount fundraised through the scheme was SKK 690,000. The deadline for applications was November 25, 2005. Grants were reviewed and selected by NOS – OSF’s Board of Trustees based on recommendations by the Expert Committee from December 13, 2005.

Total number of applications: 75
Number of awarded grants: 10

Grants

1. People in Peril – Czech Television Association, Slovak Branch, Rudňany
   Roma Children Adopt Africa
   SKK 70,000.00

2. Club of School Friends, Šačurov
   Diverse World
   SKK 31,600.00

3. CA Pre Pindre - Na Nohy, Bratislava
   Let’s Sew Together – For Us, For You
   SKK 25,100.00

4. Reformed Christian Church in Slovakia, Church Community Tušice, Tušická Nová Ves
   Tutoring Roma Children
   SKK 48,480.00

5. Regional Association ‘Javor,’ Divín
   We Live Here Together
   SKK 88,220.00

6. Roma Tear, Turňa nad Bodvou
   Establishing Roma Preschool Club
   SKK 63,000.00

7. Secondary Vocational School, Stará Ľubovňa
   Chance for the Roma
   SKK 100,000.00

8. Young Offenders Prison – Sučany, Martin
   Second Chance
   SKK 79,600.00

   Me and My Four-Legged Eyes
   SKK 93,000.00

10. Zilina Library, Žilina
    Marginalized and Disadvantaged Citizens and Electronic Information Media
    SKK 91,000.00
Wide Open School Foundation, Žiar nad Hronom

The Wide Open School Foundation was a follow-up to the Step by Step educational program, launched by NOS – OSF in Slovakia in 1993 and which in 1995 was 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.

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The public health program aims to influence health policy on social inclusion, exercising human rights and justice through an evidence based approach. NOS – OSF has mainly focused on overcoming marginalization of the Roma community, drug users and support for civil society stakeholders working in the above mentioned fields.

Roma Health

An operating and educational program implemented since 2001. The aim of the program is to assist in improving the living conditions of Roma communities and establish a sustainable and responsible approach by Roma citizens to their health through specific and targeted activities. The Roma Health program followed up the Phare project “Technical Assistance in Establishing Community Centers in Slovakia,” implemented in 2003 to 2004. In 2005 NOS – OSF supported activities in the field of health, hygiene and work by community centers in locations where health problems and the issue of equal access to health care were the most crucial.

Selected Roma communities:

- Vaľkovňa, Brezno district
- Šumiac, Brezno district
- Svinia, Prešov district
- Hermanovce, Prešov district
- Prešov, Stará Vaľkovňa
- Olejníkov, Sabinov district
- Kecerovce, Košice – surrounding area
- Lipany, Prešov district

Operating Activities: Educational Activities in Slovakia

Roma Health Working Group Meeting
February 21, 2005, Prešov
Launching the Roma Health Project in 8 Roma Communities
Number of participants: 10

Roma Health Working Group Meeting
March 29, 2005, Prešov
Finding Solutions to Current Health Problems in Roma Communities – Based on Initial Health Monitoring in Selected Communities
Number of participants: 10

Roma Health Seminar
April 14 – 16, 2005, Herľany, Košice – surrounding area
Health of Children and Youth in 8 Roma Communities
Target group: field health workers, field social workers, Community Center representatives
Number of participants: 34

Roma Health Seminar
May 26 – 28, 2005, Stará Lesná
Intimacy and Health in 8 Roma Communities
Target group: field health workers, field social workers, Community Center representatives
Number of participants: 24

**Roma Health Working Group Meeting**  
June 21, 2005, Prešov  
Current problems, monitoring problem resolution in the field of Roma hygiene and health in communities, issues for young mothers, communication with medical professionals, monitoring the health status of Roma communities.  
Number of participants: 10

**Roma Health Seminar**  
September 29 – October 1, 2005, Stará Lesná  
Health, Hygiene and Child Rearing in 8 Roma Communities  
Target group: field health workers, field social workers, Community Center representatives  
Number of participants: 32

**Roma Health Seminar**  
October 27 – 29, 2005, Stará Lesná  
Intimacy and Health in Roma Communities  
Target group: field health workers, field social workers, Community Center representatives  
Number of participants: 32

**Roma Health Working Group Meeting**  
December 2, 2005, Prešov  
Concluding the Roma Health in 8 Roma Communities Project  
Number of participants: 11

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**Harm Reduction Program**

This operating, educational and grant program has been running since 1995. It aims to assist in integrating the harm reduction approach into the spectrum of services provided to drug users. Priority areas for 2005 included: expanding the university course “Introduction to Harm Reduction” to other universities, systemic mapping of the harm reduction approach implementation in Slovakia, financial and methodological assistance to harm reduction service providers, strengthening harm reduction service providers’ sustainability.

**Target group:** non-governmental organizations providing services in the field of harm reduction, educational institutions, local governments

**Operating activities:**

- **Systemically Mapping Harm Reduction Implementation in Slovakia**  
  NOS – OSF has been advocating a harm reduction approach since 1995. In 2005 NOS – OSF paid close attention to impact mapping its own efforts and those of projects supported within the program. This analysis served as a basis for setting priority areas for the upcoming period.  
  **Costs:** SKK 35,000.00

- **Analysis of Specific Provisions of New Penal Code**  
  Detailed Impact Analysis of Article 173 of the New Penal Code on Harm Reduction Service Providers  
  **Costs:** SKK 59,500.00

- **Perception of NOS – OSF, Public Health and Harm Reduction by Slovak Journalists and the Media**  
  Survey to find out the general perception of public health issues with a special focus on harm reduction. Establishing the level of awareness on a given topic among journalists and recommending activities to improve the situation.  
  **Costs:** SKK 80,920.00

- **HIV/AIDS Situation Analysis**  
  An HIV/AIDS situation analysis among drug users and other marginalized groups to establish the availability and quality of anonymous testing in Slovakia.  
  **Costs:** SKK 310,000.00
Grants:

Number of applications: 5
Number of awarded grants: 5

1. Department of Social Work, Faculty of Education, Matej Bel University, Banská Bystrica
   Introduction to Harm Reduction – Teacher Training
   SKK 295,000.00

2. Civic Association STORM at the Constantine the Philosopher University, Nitra
   Step Ahead - Car
   SKK 100,000.00

3. Helping Hand, Košice
   Clean Needle Project
   SKK 464,930.00

4. Civic Association STORM at the Constantine the Philosopher University, Nitra
   Step Ahead
   SKK 1,050,334.00

5. Civic Association STORM at the Constantine the Philosopher University, Nitra
   Basic Guidelines for Field Work
   SKK 160,000.00

NOS – OSF’S PROGRAM PARTNERS IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Open Medical Club

The civic association Open Medical Club organizes training program for doctors: Salzburg Medical Seminars, satellite symposiums, seminars and training activities for doctors and a broad range of health professionals. The club aims to adequately apply evidence based, relevant and valid information and data acquired from Salzburg seminars and other medical institutions abroad into practice. The club also provides valid and relevant information to the public.
GOOD GOVERNANCE

This program sets out to contribute to the optimal functioning of institutions, establish favorable conditions for creating policies respecting the human rights of marginalized groups, overcome discrimination and exclusion and develop opportunities for participation in the management of public affairs.

Law Program

This operational, educational and grant program has run since 1999 in order to enhance civil society development by supporting legal reforms, 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 mindset, protect human rights and basic freedoms with a special focus on marginalized groups by providing support to specific projects.

Program areas:
A. Anti-discriminatory Legislation
B. Human Rights and the Fight against Racism
C. Reform of the Legal System, Police
D. Access to Information

A. ANTI-DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION
Upon adoption and implementation of EC Directive no. 2000/78/EC and no. 2000/43/EC and Anti-Discrimination Act no. 365/2004 (anti-discriminatory legislation) it is important to monitor how legislation and regulations are observed in Slovak regions. Further activities include information dissemination on breaching and observing anti-discriminatory legislation, legal aid provision to victims of discrimination, legal representation and the preparation of materials for legislative changes.

Grants:
1. CA League for Human Rights, Bratislava SKK 200,000.00
   Asylum Law – Legal Clinic run in cooperation with Trnava University

B. HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE FIGHT AGAINST RACISM
This program aims to provide legal aid to marginalized groups (foreigners, socially disadvantaged and marginalized groups) whose rights have been violated in any area. These activities aim to combat racism through public events, activities organized by activist groups and work in schools using new teaching methods.

Grants:
1. Activist League for Human Rights, Bratislava SKK 474,000.00
   Effective Implementation of Anti-Discriminatory Legislation in the Slovak Republic
2. CA League for Human Rights, Bratislava SKK 360,000.00
   Monitoring Police Detention of Foreigners in Medvedov
3. Charter 77 Foundation, Bratislava SKK 1,200,000.00
   Pro Bono Human Rights Advocacy
C. LEGAL SYSTEM REFORM: PRISON, POLICE

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 the public. These institutions are unable 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.

PRISON

Grants:

1. CA Citizen and Democracy, Bratislava SKK 749,200.00
   Training project for trainers and other employees in contact with prison clients in Slovakia to develop legal and communication bridges and improve knowledge.

D. ACCESS TO INFORMATION

INFO Act of the Year - Competition
August – September 2004
In 2005 the NOS – OSF law program organized a competition for the friendliest and most hostile act of the year in relation to implementing the FOIA between September 2004 and August 2005. NOS - OSF also launched a specialized web page for this competition - www.infocin.sk.

Roma Program

An operating and grant program running since 1993. The main program goal is to change the position of the Roma minority in Slovak society, create conditions to actively overcome problems and increase involvement by individuals, experts, institutions and civil society stakeholders in this process.

Program Goals:
- Active participation in the Decade of Roma Inclusion initiative;
- Increase Roma participation in governance of public issues and deal with Roma communities' issues in Slovakia,
- Develop civil society and strengthen NGOs working with Roma communities;
- Support local projects aimed at solving the problems of Roma communities and improve relations between the Roma and non-Roma majority;
- Support for community education focused on the integration and desegregation of Roma students;
- Advocacy for human rights and a focus on improving access to education and health care, increasing the Roma communities' legal awareness and that of Roma representatives.

Program areas:
A. Decade of Roma Inclusion – Small Grants Program 2005
B. TRUST for Civil Society – Institutional Support to NGOs Working with the Roma Community
C. Regional Roma Information and Counseling Centers (IPCR)
D. Roma Program Vaš Amenge – For Us
E. Roma Educational Initiative (REI)
F. Support for Roma Secondary School and University Students
G. Roma Advocacy Program
H. Roma Health

A. DECADE OF ROMA INCLUSION - SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM 2005

The small grants program is a joint initiative by the World Bank and the Open Society Foundation.

The program aims to support civic participation, e.g. activities primarily focused on civic participation, strengthening citizens' participation and responsibility in public affairs, involvement by civic initiatives in shaping and creating community development at a regional and national level. The program is primarily designed to support NGOs focusing on monitoring, evaluation and implementation of the goals set by the Decade of Roma Inclusion (2005 – 2015) initiative. This is an action framework for governmental strategies to monitor the development of social inclusion and the economic and social status of the Roma. Participation by Roma organizations representing civil society is a key aspect of the whole initiative.
Seven grants were awarded and one operational activity was organized (a meeting of World Bank representatives, Open Society Foundation representatives, organizations awarded grants and NGO representatives). The meeting addressed program goals, their fulfillment and continuity in the upcoming period.

Program partner: The World Bank

Grants:

1. **People in Need – Czech Television Association, Rudňany**
   We Are Not Bad
   SKK 139,850.00

2. **Carpathian Association for Integration, Košice**
   CHANCE Program – Preparing Roma Students for University Studies
   SKK 126,800.00

3. **Cultural Association of Roma of Slovakia, Banská Bystrica**
   A More Active Approach by the Roma in Public Life and Community Development
   SKK 130,200.00

4. **Civic Association New Way Michalovce, Michalovce**
   Roma Participation in Public Life
   SKK 179,100.00

5. **Civic Association for Young Black Eyes, Veľké Kapušany**
   Drom Ande Bari Luma – Road to a Big World
   SKK 163,755.00

6. **CA - ZPR, Minority Community Center, Veľký Krtíš**
   Increased Roma Participation in Public Life
   SKK 183,000.00

7. **Roma Press Agency, Košice**
   Roma Letters
   SKK 200,000.00

B. TRUST FOR CIVIL SOCIETY – INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT TO NGOS WORKING WITH THE ROMA COMMUNITY

This program attempts to balance out conditions for the institutional development of NGOs working with the Roma community and their active involvement in cooperating in problem solving. For more information see the TRUST Program.

Operating activities:

Meeting by Trust Program grantees working with the Roma community in Prešov, November 9 – 10, 2005.
For more information see the TRUST Program.

C. REGIONAL ROMA INFORMATION AND COUNSELING CENTERS (IPCR)

This operational and grant program has been running since 2002. The aim of the long-term program is to build a strong NGO network to operate as regional Roma information and counseling centers, strengthening the capacity of Roma NGOs to take on the role of strategic and equal partners in the NGO sector. The centers offer advice and information to clients (NGOs, citizens, state administration and local administration, start up businesses). The project aims to develop the NGO network, strengthen regional partnership and cross-sector cooperation in solving the Roma communities’ problems and improve 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 2005 some NGOs in the IPCR network focused on their own activities and others (7 NGOs) continued to provide information and counseling services. Over the year the foundation’s operating activities were aimed at strengthening partner communication and fulfilling individual NGOs’ strategic goals and disseminating information about the initiative to the Roma.

List of Roma Information and Counseling Centers (IPCR):
Roma Information and Counseling Center, Čata
Roma Information and Counseling Center, Michalovce
Roma Information and Counseling Center, Poltar
Roma Information and Counseling Center, Prešov
Roma Information and Counseling Center, Rimavská Sobota
Roma Information and Counseling Center, Trenčín
Roma Information and Counseling Center, Žiar nad Hronom
Operating activities:

IPCR Coordination and Training Meeting
A meeting of IPCR representatives aimed at strategic planning, team building, sustainability and other up to date topics related to their work. Part of the meeting focused on evaluation of individual NGO’s needs and training to improve the quality of NGO work. A training program lecturer was invited to the meeting.

Number of meetings: 1
Number of participants: 12

IPCR Web Page
Administration and maintenance of the IPCR web page - www.ipcr.sk to provide information about the IPCR network and up to date information related to Roma issues in Slovakia.

Grants

1. Cultural and Educational Civic Association Láčho Drom, Kokava nad Rimavicou
   Roma Information and Counseling Center in Poltár - IPCR Poltár
   SKK 200,000.00

2. Cultural Association of the Roma, Roma Hearts - Romane Jile, Čata
   Information and Counseling Center
   SKK 150,000.00

3. Civic Association Way of Hope, Žiar nad Hronom
   Information and Counseling Center for NGOs and Socially Disadvantaged Citizens
   SKK 201,000.00

4. Civic Association to Support Regional Development, Prešov
   Information and Legal Counseling in IPCR in Prešov
   SKK 203,000.00

5. Civic Association New Way, Michalovce
   Activities by the Roma Information and Counseling Center
   SKK 200,000.00

6. Educational Roma Center, Nové Mesto nad Váhom
   Information, Counseling and Coordination Center for Roma Children and Youth /IPCR DaM/
   SKK 169,000.00

D. VAŠ AMENGE – FOR US
The aim of this program is to support local and regional projects focusing on working with disadvantaged Roma communities in the field of health and environmental education. The program priority was to support integration activities, encourage participation by both the Roma and non-Roma local communities, improve relationships and direct Roma cooperation in the projects in the following areas:
- health care and preventative health, health education;
- hygiene, hygienic practices;
- dependences (alcohol and drug abuse, smoking, gambling etc.), preventing dependencies, work with users;
- violence, preventing domestic violence (i.e. in families, violence against women and children etc);
- sexual education and planned parenthood, pre-natal education;
- education on child care, caring for disabled children (mentally and physically);
- environmental education, care of the environment;
- care and protection of the environment;
- protection of human rights in the field of health and the environment.

Grants

1. Children’s Traveling Theatre DRaK, Prešov
   Tooth Troubles
   SKK 94,500.00

2. Community Center, Čierny Balog
   Way Towards Health
   SKK 105,000.00

3. Cultural and Educational Civic Association Láčho Drom, Kokava nad Rimavicou
   How to Live a Healthy Life in a Healthy Environment
   SKK 125,000.00
4. **Lok Municipality - Elementary School Lok, Lok**  
   We Want to Join You  
   SKK 4,000.00

5. **Municipality Šumiac, Šumiac**  
   Hygiene – Part of Our Life  
   SKK 97,000.00

6. **CA Avelana, Michalovce**  
   Spider's Web  
   SKK 105,000.00

7. **CA Integration, Žiar nad Hronom**  
   Roma Women and Girls – Education, Training  
   SKK 97,500.00

8. **CA New Way, Michalovce**  
   Drugs and Dependency vs. Healthy Lifestyle  
   SKK 135,000.00

9. **CA Tolerance - Veľká Lomnica, Veľká Lomnica**  
   We Use and Protect the Gifts of the Woods  
   SKK 70,000.00

10. **CA For Coexistence, Nížný Žípov**  
    Field Assistant for Pediatric Doctor  
    SKK 75,000.00

11. **CA Twilight, Rudňany**  
    For Better Health  
    SKK 108,000.00

12. **Project Schola, Košice**  
    Don’t Ruin Your Body – Primary Prevention of Drug Dependencies  
    SKK 85,000.00

13. **Slovak Association for Planned Parenthood, Bratislava**  
    Through Education to Prevention  
    SKK 100,000.00

14. **Association for a Better Life, Rankovce**  
    Let’s Help Each Other  
    SKK 49,000.00

**E. ROMA EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE - REI**

The Roma educational initiative, implemented since 2003 in seven countries (Bulgaria, Hungary, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia) is an operating and grant program. A pilot project was implemented in 2005 to increase integration (eliminate segregation) of Roma children through education and increasing interethnic contact and minimizing differences in school performance/success rates. The project was implemented in four locations: Jarovnice, Košice Šaca, Rudňany and Smižany. The goals were reached through the introduction of alternative instruction methods and changes in the learning environment (Step By Step Methodology). Along with pedagogical activities other initiatives aimed to support community training centers, work with women, local self governments and cross sector cooperation and the active involvement of all community representatives. The project is co-financed by the ESP OSI Program.

**Program partners:** Wide Open School Foundation, Project SCHOLA

**Grants**

1. **Project SCHOLA, Košice**  
   Roma Educational Initiative  
   SKK 160,000.00

2. **Wide Open School, Žiar nad Hronom**  
   Roma Educational Initiative  
   SKK 330,630.00

3. **Wide Open School, Žiar nad Hronom**  
   Roma Educational Initiative  
   SKK 248,725.20

4. **Project SCHOLA, Košice**  
   Roma Educational Initiative  
   SKK 922,748.00

5. **Rudňany Municipality, Rudňany**  
   Roma Initiative in Education – Outdoor School  
   SKK 28,320.00
F. SUPPORT TO ROMA SECONDARY SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS
A grant and operating program.
For more information see the Education section.

Program partners: Governmental Office of the Slovak Republic, Office of the Plenipotentiary of the Roma Communities

Operating activities

Scholarship programs for Roma students
The NOS – OSF Roma program participated in the administration of scholarships for Roma university students (Roma Memorial University Scholarship Program/OSI Budapest – Scholarship program for Roma university students) for the academic year 2005/2006 by organizing orientation, personal consultations, translations and information distribution and communication with applicants and beneficiaries.

G. ROMA ADVOCACY PROGRAM
An operating program implemented since 2003. The aim of the program is to develop a communication network of trained activists capable of providing citizens primarily from Roma communities with basic legal aid. Information and counseling centers operate under the supervision of lawyers that provide professional legal aid and potential representation.

H. ROMA HEALTH
For more information see Public Health section, Roma Health Program.

I. STUDIES AND RESEARCH

Monitoring Roma Settlements in Slovakia
In 2005 monitoring Roma settlements was a follow up to results from Roma settlement’ monitoring in Eastern Slovakia, carried out in cooperation with the InfoRoma Foundation from 1999 to 2001. The project intended to update monitoring results, analyze data and compare it with the current status in the monitored locations with a view to using the findings to create specific developmental and integration programs both on a national and local level. The project outcome will be a qualitative anthropological publication providing a holistic analysis of the social structure in the settlements examined for professionals for publication.

Program partners: West Bohemian University in Pilsen Open Society Fund Prague

Slovak-Czech Women’s Fund
In 2004 NOS - OSF Bratislava and OSF Praha established a new donor organization named the Slovak-Czech Women’s Fund. Both foundations committed themselves to support this bi-lateral organization for three years of its existence. The fund’s role is to promote the principle of equal opportunities for women and men by supporting initiatives aimed at the protection, advocacy and implementation of women’s rights, philanthropic development aimed at women and gender equality. In 2005 the Slovak-Czech Women’s Fund awarded 14 grants totaling SKK 1,912,070.00. For more information see www.womensfund.sk.

Grants
1. Re-granting SKK 269,095.20
2. Re-granting SKK 64,464.00
3. Travel grant SKK 57,923.60
4. Institutional Support April - December 2005 SKK 1,044,000.00
5. Capacity Development of the Slovak-Czech Women’s Fund SKK 2,384,561.00
6. Institutional Support SKK 600,000.00
Public Policing – With Dignity and Politeness

An operating and educational program implemented from May 1, 2005 until June 30, 2006. The program aimed to contribute to civic society development by improving the human face of the police force. Activities assisted in altering the legal awareness and approach adopted by police representatives, promoting human rights and basic freedoms.

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<td>2-day workshop – Communication and Conflict Resolution in the Workplace for heads of District Police Directorates in the Kosice district and the Košice-surroundings.</td>
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| Seminar              |
| December 8 – 9, 2005, Senec |
| 2-day workshop – Communication and Conflict Resolution in the Workplace and in Public for heads of Local Police Directorates in Bratislava. |
| Number of participants: 23 |

Public Administration Program

An operating and grant program implemented since 2000. The program seeks to assist in open society development by supporting decentralization and public administration reform and by encouraging public participation in the development and monitoring of public policy.

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Community Program

NOS – OSF delivered a follow up activity to its long term support for community foundations and community philanthropy (1996 – 2003) and announced a special call for proposals aimed at the stabilization of community foundations as important stakeholders in domestic philanthropy. The target group included community foundations with their own grant schemes running for more years in their spheres, which have a strategic plan and develop their sustainability.

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Support for Innovative Projects

Since its establishment in 1992 the foundation allocates funds for the so called open grant scheme aimed at supporting innovative projects beyond the foundation’s core grant programs. These innovative projects should focus on solving current issues. In 2005 the program was aimed primarily at supporting projects in the filed of philanthropy, the NGO non-profit sector and equal opportunity for marginalized groups.

Target group: NGOs

Grants:

1. 1st Slovak Non-Profit Service Center, Bratislava
   Informational and Educational Program 2% for Better Life
   SKK 562,500.00

2. 1st Slovak Non-Profit Service Center, Bratislava
   Legal Counseling for NGOs
   SKK 360,000.00

3. Center for Documentary Film, Bratislava
   Roma Holocaust
   SKK 414,200.00

4. Donors’ Forum, Bratislava
   Donors Message Service (DMS)
   SKK 465,000.00

5. Institute for Public Affairs, Bratislava
   Slovakia 2006 –Public Debate on the Values of the Open Society and Civic Participation
   SKK 1,494,850.00

6. Kalligram Ltd., Bratislava
   Publishing a Large Slovak – Hungarian Dictionary
   SKK 400,000.00

7. LOTOS – Association of Local TV Stations in Slovakia, Martin
   Workshop 2006 – Contest for Slovak Local TV Stations, VIII. Year
   SKK 164,000.00

8. LOTOS – Association of Local TV Stations in Slovakia, Martin
   Workshop 2005 - Contest for Slovak Local TV Stations, VII. Year
   SKK 161,000.00

9. Foundation – Center of Contemporary Arts, Bratislava
   Arts and Creativity for Business
   SKK 15,000.00

10. Foundation – Center of Contemporary Arts, Bratislava
    Open Gallery
    SKK 110,000.00
11. Charter 77 Foundation, Bratislava  
   Citizens’ Legal Counseling  
   SKK 4,683.00

12. CA Dignity, Prešov  
   Seminar for Hospice Care Institutions  
   SKK 31,739.00

13. Slovak Debate Association, Bratislava  
   Debate Program  
   SKK 152,895.00

14. SPACE Foundation, Bratislava  
   Updating the Atlas of Roma Communities in Slovakia – 2005  
   SKK 660,000.00

15. Sport Club KARPATIA PREŠOV, Prešov  
   Soccer Educates Youth  
   SKK 33,600.00

Public Benefit and its Impact on the Non-Profit Sector

The project was supported by the Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe Program. NOS – OSF implements it in partnership with the Donors’ Forum. The main goal is to create a platform where NGOs can debate the definition of public benefit, its impacts, outcomes and key issues related to sustainability, financial tools, legal definitions for NGOs and volunteering. The main intention was to open debate on public benefit, define its impacts and create a communication platform within the 3rd sector.

Operating activities:

Establishing a Working Group to Oversee the Project

Developing Analysis “Public Benefit and Public Interest in Legislation and Practice of Public Administration Bodies”
   Authors: Ján Svák, Peter Haňdiak, Milan Andrejkovič, Consultants: Helena Woleková, Olga Plišňáková, Eduard Marček

National Conference
   December 6, 2005, Bratislava
   Number of participants: 30 (representatives of NGOs, state, lawyers and economists)

Creating Specialized Web Page www.verejnaprospesnost.sk
   This web page offers not only information related to the topic but also moderated discussion.

Grants:

1. Donors’ Forum, Bratislava  
   Learning about Public Benefit  
   SKK 676,000.00

TRUST Program

A grant and operational program launched in 2002 through support for the Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe. Three partner foundations established the TRUST program: 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 aim of the TRUST program was to ensure permanent development and long term sustainability for NGOs in Slovakia. After 2005 evaluation of selected key sub-programs will be carried out: NGO Institutional Development, Self-Financing, Corporate Philanthropy, Increasing Philanthropy, Training in Economics, Cross Sector Cooperation.

The main contribution of the TRUST Program is in reaching out to a wide spectrum of organizations, raising new topics related to the NGOs and civil society in Slovakia.
The program was also oriented to NGOs working in a range of social spheres. This period enabled various organizations also working in the field of advocacy and serving as watchdogs, to finalize and complete their strategic planning process.

Various pilot tools were tested contributing to the financial sustainability of NGOs. Existing weaknesses in the field of investing their own resources were eliminated. Effective cooperation with the banking sector through the Charity Set was established. The Trust Program made a great contribution to shaping and implementing the concept of corporate social responsibility. The Trust Program has assisted philanthropic development through its training and grant activities, even though this still presents a live challenge. The knowledge endowment (analysis, surveys, education) assisted in improving the non-profit sector’s capacity and professionalism, thus also its cross sector cooperation position has improved. The synergic effect of sub-programs improved transparency of non-profit organizations’ management.

From 2002 to 2004 the TRUST Program supported 108 projects with a total amount of USD 1,237,067.00 and 188 non-profit organizations participated in the Training in Economics training program.

Grants:

1. **FORUM Information Center, Šamorín**
   - E-Non-Profit-Learning
   - USD 10,000.00

2. **Civic Association for Regional Support and Development, Prešov**
   - Work, Education and Mobility –Basics of Sustainability and Innovation of the CA for Regional Support and Development
   - SKK 291,980.00

3. **Civic Association New Way, Michalovce**
   - Institutional Development for NGOs Working with the Roma Community
   - SKK 293,180.00
SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

East East Program – Partnership Beyond Borders

A grant program supporting international exchanges and meetings to enable participating civil society representatives to share their ideas, information, knowledge and professional experience. The meetings aim to support practical activities leading to positive changes in society. The program supports projects implemented in Slovakia. Support is geared towards Slovak participants in projects organized in other countries in the region. The East East Program is designed for representatives of former socialist countries.

Target group: NGOs, institutions

Grants:

1. **General Directorate of Prisons and the Court Guard, Bratislava**
   The Presence and Perspectives of Treatment of Juveniles in Detention Centers and Sentenced Prisoners in Prisons
   SKK 264,982.00

2. **Ekopolis Foundation, Banská Bystrica**
   Peer Learning: Study Trip on Successful Examples of Community Development in Slovakia to Inspire Community Development Leaders from Southeast Serbia
   SKK 120,474.00

3. **People in Peril Association, Bratislava**
   Sharing Experience and Transferring Good Practice
   SKK 332,630.00

4. **Faculty of Natural Sciences, Comenius University, Bratislava**
   New Position of Border in Integrating Europe
   SKK 182,000.00

5. **Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics, Comenius University, Bratislava**
   Equal Rights and Equal Opportunities in Academic Settings
   SKK 200,032.00

Operating activities: Supporting experts to participate in educational events abroad

We supported 53 experts to participate in 22 events.

**Local Community Development Strategies on Biosphere Reserve Territories**
February 25 – 28, 2005, Lviv, Ukraine
Pavel Petráš, Stará Ľubovňa
Eulália Štefanová, Stará Ľubovňa
Jana Toldiová, Bratislava

**Your Child has Downs Syndrome: Care for Children with Genetic Disorders**
March 11 – 13, 2005, Warsaw, Poland
Damian Vizár
Katarína Hradileková
Strengthening Local Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe and NIS Countries
March 17 – 21, 2005, Budapest, Hungary
Igor Bučenec, Piešťany
Peter Tříska, Piešťany

Best Practice in Community Development of CEE for Industrial Regions of Ukraine
March 3 – 7, 2005, Doneck, Ukraine
Leo Singer, Bratislava
Jana Toldíková, Košice
Irena Vitálošová, Bratislava

International Asylum Law Moot Court and Seminar
April 27 – May 1, 2005, Budapest, Hungary
Jana Šturechová, Trnava
Marek Kačer, Trnava

Community Development and Marginalized Communities – Case Studies and Policy Recommendations
April 28 – 29, 2005, Bankia a Lorn, Bulgaria
Blanka Berkyová, Košice
Ingrid Bernáthová, Banská Bystrica
Lucia Gembičká, Banská Bystrica
Leo Singer, Bratislava

Minorities in the Enlarged EU
May 13 – 14, 2005, Vilnius, Lithuania
Daniel Škobla, Bratislava

Government Organizations and Local Non-Governmental Organizations: Cooperation for Common Good
May 1 – 3, 2005, Choč, Poland
Ladislav Fľak, Olcnava
Ján Gajdošík, Olcnava
Peter Horváth, Olcnava
Anton Kohler, Olcnava
Jana Pavlíková, Olcnava
Jozef Pendrák, Olcnava
Tatiana Salajová, Olcnava
Miroslav Slivko, Olcnava

The Elderly in the New EU
May 19 – 22, 2005, Vilnius, Lithuania
Ľubica Gálisová, Prievidza
Martaorulská, Prievidza

EU Integration Processes from EAST to EAST: Civil Society and Ethnic Minorities in a Changing World
June 8 – 13, 2005, Riga, Latvia
Július Mastilák, Bratislava
Katarína Strapcová, Bratislava

Strengthening Democracy through Accountable Controls of Political Party Financing
June 16 – 19, Bucharest, Romania
Zuzana Wienk, Bratislava

Building a Platform in Developing Strategies to Prevent Violence against Children and Youth
June 29 – 30, 2005, Vilnius, Lithuania
Miroslava Šimegová, Banská Bystrica
Zuzana Heinzová, Banská Bystrica

Fifteen Years of Migration Patterns and Policy Formulation
August 24 – 28, 2005, Prague, Czech Republic
Milan Zbořil, Bratislava
Cooperation between Community Foundations and the Public Sector
September 14 – 15, 2005, Tartu, Estonia
Katarína Minárová, Prešov
Boris Strečanský, Bratislava

NGOs and Local Community Development: Slovakia’s Experiences
July 25 – August 1, 2005, Azerbaijan
Eléna Kašiaková, Banská Bystrica
Luboš Vrbický, Banská Bystrica
Chuck Hirt, Banská Bystrica

NGOs and Local Community Development: Slovakia’s Experiences, 2nd part
September 15 – 20, 2005, Azerbaijan
Luboš Vrbický, Banská Bystrica
Milan Zbořil, Bratislava

Rural Internet-ization in the Kyrgyz Republic
August 16 – 17, 2005, Bishkek, Kirgizstan
Stanislav Saling, Bratislava

Protection of Human Rights in Biotechnology Development
September 22 – 24, 2005, Vilnius, Lithuania
Jozef Glasa, Bratislava

Europe for Belarus
September 22 – 24, 2005, Vilnius, Lithuania
Andrea Lelovics, Šamorín

Innovative Gender Equality Strategies: Fathers and Paternity Leave
November 17 – 18, 2005, Vilnius, Lithuania
David Bosý, Bratislava

Knowledge Transfer and Capacity-Building for Grassroots Organizations: Celodin Network
November 24, 2005, Budapest, Hungary
Peter Bronček, Čadca
Gabriela Brončeková, Čadca
Šarlota Górová, Štúrovo
Árpád Kalapos, Kráľovský Chlmec
Valéria Klíčková Szomolai, Šamorín
Ludovít Kovács, Dolné Saliby
Andrea Lelovics, Šamorín
Tibor Matus, Šamorín
Iveta Prékopová, Rožňava
Mária Prékopová, Rožňava
Lajos Tuba, Šamorín

European Studies at Schools in Ukraine
December 7 – 10, 2005, Kyjev, Ukraine
Nataša Ondrušková, Bratislava
Education – Gate to the Future

An operating project that was closed down in 2005. The project aimed to assist in fulfilling the further education needs of librarians in Slovakia by delivering high quality training in cultural management and community libraries. The project was implemented with the financial support of the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic (MK-267/2004/2.7). In 2004 NOS – OSF organized the first part of the project in cooperation with the Foundation – Center for Contemporary Arts.

**Operating activities:**

**Cultural Institutions in a Competitive Environment**
November 23 – 24, 2004
**Main topics:** analyzing tools in the organization, types of services provided, defining clients and partners.
**Number of participants:** 20.

**Project Management and Fundraising**
December 17 – 19, 2004
**Main topics:** target oriented project planning, analysis and planning, institutional evaluation, fundraising.
**Number of participants:** 19

The second part of the training was organized in 2005: a series of training sessions aimed at community libraries. The series consisted of two parts. NOS – OSF’s partner in this part of the project was PDCS – Partners for Democratic Change Slovakia.

**The Library and Its Role in the Community, Part A**
August 22 – 24, 2005
**Main topics:** the role, position and mission of the library in the community, the library’s role in community development, community map, partner definition, forms of cooperation, recommendations for developing community networks, establishing partnerships, some aspects of civil society, social assets and the development of library services.
**Number of participants:** 19

**The Library and Its Role in the Community, Part B**
September 22 – 23, 2005
**Main topics:** change management, the future of the library and communication skills.
**Number of participants:** 18
Journalism Prize 2005

NOS - OSF announced the second year of the Journalism Prize in November 2005. NOS – OSF is committed to continue its efforts to publicly award and appreciate important journalistic work.

The competition is designed for journalists from all forms of the media: print, electronic, national and regional. It seeks to support the development of high quality Slovak journalism and create space for mutual confrontation and discussion. Based on its experience from the previous year NOS – OSF announced the Journalism Prize in 12 categories. Independent juries made winner selection. Part of the competition is the awarding of a special Open Society prize in memory of Karol Ježík, who through his work contributed to the media’s increasing sensitivity towards minorities and the development of investigative journalism in Slovakia.

Number of competing pieces: 444

Winners of the Journalism Prize 2005:

Open Society Prize in memory of Karol Ježík
Silvia Kušnírová – series of discussion programs in politics (TA3). The Competition Board awards this prize.

Best News Related Article in the Print Media
Andrej Bán – Land of Graves (Týždeň)

Best Article in the Electronic Media
Tatiana Šušková – series of footages on “Paulinka” (Slovak Radio)

Best interview in the Print Media
Valentína Zimanová-Čorná – series of interviews (TV OKO)

Best Interview, Discussion in the Electronic Media
Štefan Hríb – Program “Pod Lampou”: Einstein – Theory of Relativity (STV)

Best Regional News Related Article in the Print Media
Ľuboš Kostelanský – articles “People in Orava Want to Rename Osvienčim Street, Solvent in Tesco (Trenčianske Noviny)

Best Broadcasted Regional Footage in the Electronic Media
Jozefína Mikovíňová – Conference on Holocaust Program (Regina Radio – Banská Bystrica)

Best Analytical and Investigative Article in the Print Media
Marek Vagovič – series of articles on bonds “Škandalózne Zmenky” (Týždeň)

Best Analytical and Investigative Footage in the Electronic Media
Katarína Začková – Oil or Soil (STV)

No prize was awarded in the best column in the print media category.

Best Short Article in the Print Media
Štefan Hríb – series of five editorials (Týždeň)

Best Journalistic Photography
Robert Hüttner – series of photographs in the High Tatras (Pravda)

Best Comics
Martin Šútovec – series of cartoons (SME and Nový Cas pre Ženy)
The board of trustees approved the Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti – Open Society Foundation budget for 2005 on December 16, 2004, while the planned budget equaled SKK 39,800,000. The board of trustees set the foundation’s administrative costs at SKK 9,500,000. Budgeted administrative costs do not include the depreciation of long term assets, unanticipated expenditures, potential exchange rate losses and wages for the foundation’s staff. The breakdown of budgeted administration costs was as follows: SKK 20,000 to protect and increase the value of the foundation’s assets, SKK 200,000 to promote NOS – OSF activities, SKK 6,940,000 for NOS – OSF’s operation, SKK 300,000 to remunerate the foundation’s administrator, an SKK 80,000 travel reimbursement and SKK 1,960,000 in wages.

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

1. SKK 39,816,928.55 Open Society Institute, Bundesplatz 16, CH – 6304 Zürich, Switzerland
   Private Non-Investment Fund in Switzerland and the USA
2. SKK 1,972,800.00 Ch. S. Mott Foundation, Flint, MI, USA
3. SKK 2,740,291.68 Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe, Washington D.C., USA
4. SKK 1,052,436.00 The World Bank
5. SKK 980,000.00 Governmental Office of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava
6. SKK 200,000.00 Slovak Telecom
7. SKK 124,800.00 British Council, Bratislava
8. SKK 78,080.00 House of Europe
9. SKK 65,203.20 HMC Project in Central and Eastern Europe, Cambridge
10. SKK 518,687.70 Various contributions from individuals and legal entities for activities organized by NOS – OSF
11. SKK 260,000.00 Income for services
12. SKK 94,462.00 Received interest rates from the foundation’s accounts
13. SKK 19,159.40 Revenues from the sales of assets
14. SKK 134,200.00 Income from asset rental
15. SKK 691,700.00 Contribution from the share of 1% from income tax
16. SKK 1,114,005 Returns from various grants

SKK 49,862,753.53 TOTAL REVENUES
Balance of Assets, Flow of Assets and Liabilities

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<th>Foundation’s Assets in SKK Acquisition Prices:</th>
<th>as at 1. 1. 2005</th>
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<td>1. Software</td>
<td>1,786,243.10</td>
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<td>2. Small and short term intangible assets</td>
<td>172,876.55</td>
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<td>3. Real estate, construction</td>
<td>6,373,477.08</td>
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<td>4. Technical equipment</td>
<td>9,751,759.08</td>
<td>9,406,607.16</td>
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<td>5. Motor vehicles</td>
<td>1,235,300.00</td>
<td>547,300.00</td>
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<td>7. Lots</td>
<td>445,721.20</td>
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<td>8. Cash</td>
<td>7,475,725.41</td>
<td>6,907,140.73</td>
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<td>9. Financial investments</td>
<td>11,557,082.24</td>
<td>12,844,491.76</td>
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<td>10. Liabilities</td>
<td>39,645,582.36</td>
<td>24,384,667.24</td>
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<td>11. Future costs</td>
<td>1,055,085.16</td>
<td>930,974.91</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>81,628,235.61</strong></td>
<td><strong>65,928,882.28</strong></td>
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Foundation’s Tangible Fixed Assets in SKK after Depreciation:

| 1. Software                                    | 1,756,453.10     |
| 2. Small and short term intangible assets      | 172,876.55       |
| 3. Building depreciation                       | 1,359,316.00     |
| 4. Technical equipment                         | 9,104,617.18     |
| 5. Motor vehicle depreciation                  | 547,300.00       |
| 6. Furniture and fixtures inventory            | 0                |
| 7. Small and short term tangible assets        | 2,129,382.55     |
| **TOTAL DEPRECIATION:**                        | **15,069,945.38**|

Foundation’s Liabilities:

| 1. Liabilities towards suppliers               | 2,516,436.29     | 1,390,102.51     |
| 2. Other liabilities                           | 584,478.52       | 351,625.00       |
| 3. Payable - grants                            | 32,113,857.11    | 20,272,377.43    |
| 4. Liabilities to employees                    | 492,303.21       | 137,197.21       |
| 5. Liabilities to insurance companies          | 106,567.00       | 896.00           |
| 6. Liabilities to the tax office               | 144,585.32       |                  |
| 7. Other liabilities                           | 6,894,523.76     | 3,627,777.15     |
| 8. Basic equity                                | 2,900,427.08     | 2,900,427.08     |
| 9. Foundation’s equity                         | 200,000.00       | 200,000.00       |
| **TOTAL**                                     | **45,953,178.30**| **28,880,402.38**|
Total Foundation Expenditures in 2005 Divided by Activity Types in SKK

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<th>Program Costs 2005</th>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>4,947,636.41</td>
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<td>International cooperation</td>
<td>1,717,858.26</td>
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<td>Library program</td>
<td>726,122.31</td>
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<td>Public health</td>
<td>3,496,028.10</td>
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<td>Media programs</td>
<td>908,250.56</td>
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<td>Good governance</td>
<td>15,992,698.40</td>
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<td>Roma</td>
<td>7,114,715.56</td>
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<td>Women in society</td>
<td>4,100,328.34</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>39,003,637.94</td>
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The Foundation’s Administration Costs NOS – OSF

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<th>Total costs:</th>
<th>SKK 54,285,826.15</th>
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<td>- activity costs, excluding wages for program staff:</td>
<td>SKK 39,003,637.94</td>
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<td>- administrative costs including wages for program staff:</td>
<td>SKK 15,282,188.21</td>
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<td>Foundation’s administration costs:</td>
<td>SKK 17,676.00</td>
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<td>– property protection</td>
<td>SKK 584,473.10</td>
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<td>– promotion</td>
<td>SKK 5,400,579.77</td>
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<td>– operational costs</td>
<td>SKK 20,210.00</td>
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<td>– travel costs</td>
<td>SKK 5,941,117.00</td>
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<td>– wages</td>
<td>SKK 3,318,132.34</td>
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<td>– other costs (exchange rate differences, depreciation, others)</td>
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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
The administrator’s monthly remuneration in 2005 was SKK 25,000.00 per month, totaling SKK 300,000.00 per 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 on Foundations, no other NOS – OSF bodies were established by the Foundation’s Statute during 2005.
Overview of Foundation’s Fund Activities and Monies in the Foundation’s Funds

Pursuant to Act no. 34/2002 on Foundations, NOS – OSF did not establish or own any foundation fund in the 2004 period.

Changes to Foundation’s Charter in 2005

Pursuant to Act no. 34/2002 on Foundations, NOS – OSF made amendments to the Foundation’s Charter in the period of 2005 regarding the Foundation’s Board of Trustees.

Changes to the Composition of the Foundation’s Bodies in 2005

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

**NOS – OSF Administrator**

The foundation's administrator and executive director in 2005 was Alena Pániková.

**NOS – OSF’s Board of Trustees**

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

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<td>Eugen JURZYCA, INEKO, Bratislava</td>
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<td>Martin BARTO, National Bank of Slovakia, Bratislava</td>
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<td>Katarína VAJDOVÁ, Civil Society Development Foundation, Bratislava</td>
<td>chairwoman</td>
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<td>Zuzana KUŠOVÁ, Mayer/McCann-Erickson, Bratislava</td>
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<td>Mária ZELENÁKOVÁ, Partners for Democratic Change Slovakia, Bratislava</td>
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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’s Supervisory Board**

NOS – OSF’s Supervisory Board has 3 members:

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<td>Irina STOJANOVÁ-KRŠKOVÁ, tax consultant</td>
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<td>Peter GOCELIAK, financial expert</td>
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<td>Oľga BEŇAČKOVÁ, accounting consultant</td>
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Organizational Structure

Board of Trustees NOS - OSF 2005:
Katarína Vajdová, chairwoman, Civil Society Development Foundation, Bratislava
Grigori Mesežnikov, vice chairman, Institute for Public Affairs, Bratislava
Martin Barto, member, National Bank of Slovakia, Bratislava
Eugen Jurzyca, member, INEKO, Bratislava
Zuzana Kušová, member, Mayer/McCann-Erickson, Bratislava
Mária Zelenáková, member, Partners for Democratic Change Slovakia, Bratislava

Executive Management

Alena Pániková executive director
Jana Malovičová office manager
Magdaléna Feniková financial director
Katarína Staroňová (until March 2005) deputy director for strategy and program development
Zuzana Konrádová deputy director for civil society development
Lubica Turčanová deputy director for policy development, strategy and media
Alena Tyralová office assistant

Financial Department

Miriam Kočišková financial assistant
Martin Neupauer financial assistant
Juraj Stupka financial manager

Program Managers

Daniela Drobná
Tatiana Hičárová (until March 2005)
Janka Hažírová
Katarína Križková
Silvia Miklíková
Viktória Mlynárčíková
Zuzana Očenášová (until July 2005)
Jana Paczkowska
Valentina Petrus
Elena Smolinská

Program Coordinators

Stanislava Dzuríková
Eva Ďuríková
Barbora Kahátová
Lubica Kosková

Assistants

Ondrej Starinský
Adela Zvalová