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Each annual report is an opportunity to stop and look back. Facts and numbers recorded over the course of the year indicate how we fared in meeting our goals. They document activities designed by the Open Society Foundation to help our society overcome problems and fulfill its goals of openness, dialogue, tolerance, acceptance, activity, transparency, responsibility and freedom of choice.

In 2006 we continued focusing on problematic issues whose identification, monitoring or solving required civic engagement. Our main ambition is not to criticize, but to help overcome problems and provide conditions for civic engagement in the search for the truth. Many partners have joined us in our efforts – organizations and individuals, who care about the state of the world we live in so much they actively try to solve its current problems. Our today's and future priority is to support civil society and develop local and international partnerships.

We have raised private and public funds, which we used for grants, our own activities and to develop our potential to work as a foundation – civic institute to support the open society ideal.

Thank you,

Alena Pániková
executive director

ABOUT US



WHO WE ARE

The Open Society Foundation (NOS-OSF) is a non-governmental organization operating in Slovakia since 1992.

NOS-OSF is part of an international network known as the “Soros Foundations Network.” The network consists of more than 60 national autonomous foundations around the world (see www.soros.org for more details).

NOS-OSF is one of seven founding organizations of the Donors’ Forum – an important informal group of grant-making organizations in Slovakia. NOS-OSF’s executive director is the chairperson of the Executive Board of the Donors’ Forum in Slovakia.

OUR VISION

“Open society is based on the recognition that we act on the basis of imperfect understanding. Perfection is beyond our reach; we must content ourselves with an imperfect society that holds itself open to improvement.”

G. Soros

OUR MISSION

NOS-OSF’s mission is the development of an open and democratic society. A society, where all people are aware of their rights and duties, and actively participate in public life.

OUR GOALS

- Addressing current issues, initiating and supporting innovative and progressive solutions of social problems;
- Creating conditions for equal access to opportunities and inclusion of the disadvantaged groups in society;
- Contributing to more transparent and efficiently functioning society;
- Strengthening civil society – an important actor in advocacy of open society values at local and international level.

OUR VALUES

Openness, dialogue, concord, tolerance, activity, transparency, acceptance, mutual respect, responsibility and freedom of choice.

NOS-OSF Founder GEORGE SOROS

George Soros was born in Budapest. He lived through the Nazi occupation of Hungary and in 1947 immigrated to the United Kingdom where he graduated from the London School of Economics in 1952. At the London School of Economics, Soros became acquainted with the work of the philosopher Karl Popper, whose ideas on open society had a profound influence on his

intellectual development. In 1956, he moved to the United States where he accumulated a vast fortune. His Quantum Fund is considered to be the most successful investment fund in history, averaging annual return of 31% during its 32 years of existence.

In 1979, Soros started focusing on philanthropy. He provided funds to help black students attend the University of Cape Town in apartheid South Africa. He is now the chairman of the Open Society Institute. In 1992 he founded the Central European University based in Budapest.

George Soros wrote eight books and many articles about politics, society and economy published regularly in respected newspapers and magazines around the world. He has received honorary degrees from the New School for Social Research, Oxford University, the Budapest University of Economics, and Yale University. In 1995, the University of Bologna awarded Soros its highest honor, the Laurea Honoris Causa, in recognition of his efforts to promote open societies throughout the world. In 2002, he was awarded the Dayton Peace Prize for his extraordinary efforts to foster democracy and civil society in the Balkans.

Open Society Institute

The Open Society Institute (OSI), a private operating and grant-making foundation, aims to shape public policy to promote democratic governance, human rights, and economic, legal, and social reform. On a local level, OSI implements a range of initiatives to support the rule of law, education, public health, and independent media. At the same time, OSI works to build alliances across borders and continents on issues such as combating corruption and human rights abuses.

OSI was created in 1993 by investor and philanthropist George Soros to support his foundations in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Those foundations were established, starting in 1984, to help countries make the transition from communism. OSI has expanded the activities of the Soros foundations network to other areas of the world where the transition to democracy is of particular concern. The Soros Foundations Network encompasses more than 60 countries, including the United States.

See Open Society Institute New York: <http://www.soros.org> for more information.

Other 2006 donors

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Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy
Foreign Language Publications – Friendship magazine
Cambridge University Press
The Slovak Spectator
Mimi Gosney and Arlene Barilec – former Peace Corps volunteers in Slovakia
Slovak Telecom
PRime time

Thank you!

2006 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND GRANTS

EDUCATION

Supporting education is one of Open Society Foundation's basic priorities. In 2006, the foundation continued supporting the Slovak education system reform and initiated an operating program of distance learning designed to strengthen long-term sustainability of the non-profit sector. Since its founding, the foundation focuses on increasing the level of education of young people and promotes intercultural experience through scholarship programs. This year, the foundation awarded two grants amounting to SKK 1,128,597.60 and provided 641 scholarships.

Education Reform Support

This operating program was introduced in 2002. It is designed to support and facilitate the Slovak education reform and development of Slovak education policy. The program focuses mainly on supporting decentralization of the education system, improving school management and increasing the quality of education.

Distance Learning for NGOs

This operating and educational program was launched on January 1, 2006. The program is in line with NOS-OSF's goal to strengthen long-term sustainability of Slovak non-profit sector. The main goal of the program is systematic professional education, development of skills, knowledge and methods necessary for a gradual and sustainable increase of professional skills of NGO managers. The program focuses mainly on management techniques and development of Slovak NGO activities in EU environment.

Target group: NGO professionals.

Number of awarded grants: one grant of SKK 1,128,597.60.

See appendix for list of grants.

University Scholarships for Roma Students

This scholarship program was introduced in October 2003. The Open Society Foundation administers the program for the office of the Slovak government representative for Roma communities that in accordance with government resolution no. 278 provides funds for the Roma Secondary and University Students Support Program. The program supports individual students, university students and talented students from socially disadvantaged families.

Target group: talented Roma university students from socially disadvantaged families.

The scholarships were awarded in two rounds:

1st round: January – June 2006 period: number of applicants: 75, number of scholarships: 59.

2nd round: September – December 2006 period: number of applicants: 93, number of scholarships: 71.

In total, the foundation awarded 130 scholarships amounting to SKK 802,900.00.

See appendix for list of grantees.

Secondary School Scholarships for Roma Students

This scholarship program was introduced in 2004. The Open Society Foundation administers the program for the office of the Slovak government representative for Roma communities that in accordance with government resolution no. 278 provides funds for the Roma Secondary and University Students Support Program. The program is designed to support individual talented secondary school students from socially disadvantaged families. The program applies to all secondary schools (with or without leaving certificate) and secondary vocational schools. The financial support is provided to the schools attended by the grantees.

Target group: talented Roma secondary school students from socially disadvantaged families.

The scholarships were awarded in two rounds:

1st round: January – June 2006 period: number of applicants: 283 from 46 secondary schools, number of scholarships: 234 at 43 secondary schools.

2nd round: September – December 2006 period: number of applicants: 338 from 61 secondary schools, number of scholarships: 266 at 48 secondary schools.

In total, the foundation awarded 500 scholarships at 60 secondary schools amounting to SKK 1,193,600.00.

See appendix for list of grantees.

Secondary School Scholarships

This educational program was launched in 1993. Its goal is to allow students attend American or British secondary schools, understand other cultures, experience life abroad by living in families, attending educational programs, becoming members of clubs and participating in community activities. NOS-OSF administers the selection of Slovak students.

2006/2007 scholarships:

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| ASSIST, USA, one-year stay: | 5 scholarships |
| HMC, UK, one-year stay: | 6 scholarships |

Number of applicants: 119

Number of scholarships: 11

Media partner: BRATCARL a.s.

See appendix for list of grantees.

12th Annual English Essay Competition

This annual operating program has been organized by the foundation since 1995. Its goal is 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 schools and students compete in three categories (Junior: 1st and 2nd grades; Senior: 3rd and 4th grades; Anglophones: students of any grade who studied at English schools abroad for more than 4 months). In 2006, the competition was jointly organized by NOS – OSF, British Council and SAUA/SATE.

Essay topics:

1. Food: friend or foe?
2. "If only people knew more about history, then there would be no such thing as neo-Nazism and other forms of extremism." Discuss this statement.
3. How learning English can change a person's life.

Number of essays: 713

Number of awards: 12

All winners received a copy of the 3rd Book of Winning Essays and small gifts from NOS – OSF.

See appendix for list of winners.

Program partners:

British Council

Slovak Association of Teachers of English (SAUA/SATE)

Sponsors - Partners:

CKM SYTS

Sasakawa Peace Foundation - Sasakawa Central Europe Fund

Slovak Ventures, Ltd. - Longman

Council of Europe Information Center

Oxford University Press

Stiefel-Eurocart, Ltd.

Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy

Foreign Language Publications – Friendship Magazine

Cambridge University Press

The Slovak Spectator

Mimi Gosney and Arlene Barilec – former Peace Corps Volunteers in Slovakia

4th Book of Winning Essays

In September 2006, NOS-OSF, in cooperation with British Council, published the 4th Book of Winning Essays including 36 essays from the 10th-12th Annual English Essay Competition. The book was launched on October 3, 2006 in Banska Bystrica at the opening of the British Center. Matej "Sajfa" Cifra, celebrity radio and TV presenter, winner of the 1st English Essay Competition, became the book's godfather. The book was sent to all Slovak grammar schools, competition organizers, sponsors, winners, committee members and other relevant educational organizations and individuals in Slovakia and abroad.

One-year Internships of Slovak Teachers at British Independent Schools (HMC)

This operational educational program was introduced in 1997 to allow 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.

Number of applicants: 21

Number of grantees: 4

Partners:

Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference – HMC, UK

UK independent schools

See appendix for list of grantees.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Program aims to influence the public health policy on social inclusion, application of human rights and justice through an evidence-based approach. NOS – OSF has mainly focused on overcoming marginalization of the Roma community, drug users and providing support for civil society organizations working in the above mentioned fields. This year, the foundation awarded two grants amounting to SKK 632,650.00.

Harm Reduction Program

The goal of the Harm Reduction educational and grant program, launched by the foundation in 1995, is to provide systematic support to organizations working with active drug users in their environment, offer educational activities and advocate harm reduction principles as one of the services provided to the target group.

Target group: non-profit organizations providing harm reduction services, educational organizations, state drug policy makers, drug users and students.

Number of applications: 3

Number of grants: 2 grants amounting to SKK 632,650.00.

See appendix for list of grants.

Mapping of HIV/AIDS Testing Possibilities with Special Focus on High-Risk Groups

Between November 2006 and March 2007, the foundation carried out an analysis of HIV testing possibilities with special focus on drug users and other high-risk groups. The survey indicated that awareness and knowledge about sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) among the general population is generally really low. Access to basic information about safe sex in schools, medical facilities or families is also low. However, high-risk groups are generally well-aware of the risks related to their lifestyle. These groups include mainly clients of the current or past Harm Reduction Program grantees.

Evaluation of National Drug Policy

The foundation, in cooperation with the state and public administration, supports a research focusing on the collection, analysis and evaluation of data and potential problems related to the application of relevant drug legislation of the Slovak Penal Code. Data collected during the research offer an important insight into the application of the relevant paragraphs of the drug legislation and the fulfillment of goals stated in the Slovak Penal Code Explanatory Report.

Cost: USD 36,000.00 (in 2006).

Roma Health

This operating program was introduced on February 1, 2006 and will be concluded on December 31, 2007. In 2006, eleven field health workers stationed in Giraltovcce, Hermanovce, Kecerovce, Veľké Kapušany, Draňov, Tisovec-Píla, Lastovce, Pruské, Stará Kremnička, Valkovňa and Trnava Roma communities participated in the program. The goal of the program is to implement steps and carry out activities designed to improve living conditions in Roma settlements, improve access to health services and encourage the Roma to be responsible for their own health.

Advocacy Activities

Regional and National Advocacy Activities

The foundation organized meetings with representatives of the health ministry, Slovak public healthcare office, Kosice regional council and the government representative for Roma communities to encourage the government to create the position of field health worker and include it on the official list of government employment positions.

Meeting dates: May 26, 2006, Bratislava
 June 16, 2006, Košice
 October 6, 2006, Bratislava

Local and Regional Advocacy Activities

The foundation led the joint effort of the field health workers, city councils, the Association of Community Centers and other stakeholders in the relevant regions to improve living conditions and quality of life in Slovak Roma communities, which included the establishment and operation of Hygiene Centers near Roma settlements.

Meeting dates: September 27, 2007, Košice
 September 29, 2006, Prešov
 November 30, 2006, Prešov

Workshops

The workshops were led by field health workers in Roma communities in cooperation with the Community Centers and focused on the following issues:

Health and Access to Health Services

Workshop dates: April 27 to April 29, 2006, Stará Lesná
Participants: field health workers and Community Center social and community workers.

Sexual Health and Family Planning for Roma Youth

Workshop dates: June 14 to June 16, 2006, Stará Lesná
Participants: field health workers and Community Center social and community workers.

Support for Families of Drug and Alcohol Users, Prevention of Domestic Violence

Workshop dates: October 12 and October 13, 2006, Stará Lesná
Participants: field health workers and Community Center social and community workers.

Supervision Meeting of Field Health Workers Working in Roma Settlements

The meeting focused on examples of good practice from the Roma Health Program carried out in 2005 and 2006 and overview of challenges for 2006.

Meeting date: March 29 and March 30, 2006, Stará Lesná

GOOD GOVERNANCE

The goal of this program is to contribute to the optimal functioning of institutions, establish favorable conditions for creating policies respecting human rights of marginalized groups, overcome discrimination and exclusion and develop opportunities for participation in the management of public affairs. This year, the foundation awarded 47 grants amounting to SKK 10,017,433.00.

Law Program

The goal of this program is to contribute to and support the strengthening of Slovak legal system. The foundation implements projects designed to promote human rights and basic social freedoms, especially the rights and freedoms of disadvantaged groups. The foundation also supports transparency and independence of the judiciary. The Law Program is an operational, educational and grant program. It was first introduced in 1999.

▪ 2006 INFOAct of the Year Competition

The foundation supports activities promoting transparency through free and full access to information. Transparency is the building stone of any democratic society and an important part of anti-corruption and anti-cronyism efforts. On September 28, 2006 NOS-OSF announced the results of the fourth annual INFOAct of the Year Competition. This year's competition focused on monitoring the Freedom of Information Act implementation in the previous year (September 2005 – September 2006). See www.infocin.sk for more information.

Number of nominees: friendly act: 10, hostile act: 18

Partners: Foundation for Support of Local Democracy, PRime Time Agency, the World Bank, SME, Trend and Changenet.sk.

Ján Langoš was awarded a special in-memoriam lifetime achievement award for his uncompromising advocacy of citizens' rights to free access to information.

See appendix for competition results.

▪ Early Warning System

In 2006, NOS-OSF started using its website to monitor the legislation in a process of preparation. The monitoring system consists of an early-warning system listing selected new legislation at all stages of preparation, i.e. drafting, passing by the Slovak government and parliament. The early-warning system allows interested parties to react to the new-coming legislation and influence the drafting process.

▪ Right to Equal Treatment and Anti-Extremism Program

The program focuses on monitoring the application of the equal treatment legislation and dissemination of information about its application. The foundation support activities designed to suppress extremism and racism through public action and school education.

Anti-Extremism Project

In 2006, NOS-OSF carried out the Anti-Extremism Project designed to limit racially-motivated crime and promote multicultural values. The goal of the project was to prevent xenophobic behavior in 15 to 22-year-olds. NOS-OSF secured the inclusion of extremism in the Slovak Debate Association (SDA) and training of selected speakers. Later in 2006, the matter of extremism was included in all SDA competitions in Slovakia. NOS-OSF cooperated with TV Pezinok to create a documentary about extremism – Extremism in Slovakia. The document aired in fall 2006 and is regularly shown on all LOToS TV stations (Association of Slovak Local TV Stations). When requested by teachers, the document is also shown in elementary and secondary schools as supplementary material about extremism. The logo, created and used for the project, will be used to represent all subsequent NOS-OSF anti-extremism projects.

Project partners: Slovak Police Force, Slovak Debate Association and Association of Local TV Stations (LOTOS).

▪ The Police and the Public – With Dignity and Courtesy

The mission of this program is to foster the development of civil society by humanizing the police work. The activities' goal is to play a part in changing the legal culture and mentality of officers in various police units, and in protecting the public's human rights and basic freedoms. This operating and educational program was launched on May 1, 2005 and completed on December 31, 2006.

Resolving Workplace Conflicts within the Police Force and Conflicts with the Public

April 6 and April 7, 2006, Liptovský Ján

This seminar for the members of the Association of Policewomen from six Slovak regions was designed to teach the participants how to resolve workplace conflicts within the police force and conflicts with the public.

Number of participants: 28

Community Policing

June 28 to June 30, 2006, Senec

This seminar was organized for the managers of selected Slovak police force headquarters and focused on the introduction of community policing, and requirements, conditions and monitoring methods of the new police work evaluation system (EFQM).

Number of participants: 26

Equal Opportunities – Roma Participation Support

This operating and grant program was started in 1993. The main goal of the program is to change the position of the Roma minority in Slovak society, create conditions allowing marginalized Roma communities to overcome their problems, and encourage the involvement of non-profit organizations, individuals, experts, institutions and other civil society actors in this process.

In addition to targeted grant-making, the 2006 program included operating activities designed to collect information about the issue, draw on experiences from program initiatives carried out during previous years and to use the foundation's 13 years of experience with civil society organizations and work with disadvantaged groups.

Target group: NGOs, individuals, experts and general public.

▪ 2006 Small Grants Program for Civil Society

This grant and operating program is a joint initiative of the World Bank Slovakia and the Open Society Foundation. The program was first introduced in 2005. Its goal is to strengthen the voice and influence of the poor and marginalized groups in the development processes to ensure their equality. The program supports civil society organizations focusing on public involvement and public sector accountability, organizations supporting disadvantaged groups, and advocating for inclusion and participation through partnerships with the public and private sector. The main goal of this program is to develop professional monitoring, evaluation and implementation skills of participating organizations and support activities of the Roma Decade (2005 – 2015).

Target group: NGOs

Program partner: the World Bank

Number of participants: 33

Number of awarded grants: 9 grants amounting to SKK 1,653,748.00

“Small Worlds” Photo Exhibition

April 18, 2006 Bratislava, April 26, 2006 Prešov

The World Bank in cooperation with NOS-OSF prepared a photo exposition in Bratislava and Prešov documenting the activities of the Small Grants Program grantees. The goal of the exposition was to introduce the 2006 Small Grants Program grantees and facilitate exchange of information about the program and its impact. The program grantees were invited to share their experiences gained through the Small Grants Program at the opening of the exposition. The photo exposition helped underline the experiences shared by the fourteen grantees that received grants in 2005 or before.

Partners: the World Bank

Regional Consultation Meetings

March 29, 2006 Košice, March 30, 2006 Rimavská Sobota, March 31, 2006 Banská Bystrica

On the occasion of the call for proposals of the Small Grants Program for Civil Society, representatives of the Open Society Foundation and the World Bank organized a series of regional meetings to present the program goals and allow potential applicants to discuss their project proposals. The goal of the meetings was to provide information to regional and local NGOs, discuss public involvement and participation of NGOs and individuals.

Partners: the World Bank

▪ Sam pro jekh than – We are Equal

The project is designed to run from 2006 to 2008. Its main objective is to develop a society that connects civil organizations' prime movers in promoting an equal approach to administering human rights and equal opportunity for disadvantaged groups, primarily the Roma.

Main project goals:

- To build a network of non-governmental organizations, with the intent of creating an active alliance for influencing policy and protecting the interests of disadvantaged groups, and at the same time encourage involvement of the Roma via NGOs.
- To develop innovative approaches in the fight against discrimination of disadvantaged groups, foster inclusion, and lessen prejudice on both sides (majority and minority).

Target group: NGOs, expert and general public, media, secondary school and university students.

In 2006, the project, its goals and affiliation with Slovak civil society organizations were introduced at two meetings of non-profit organizations. The purpose of the meetings was to open a discussion and get feed-back on the project goals.

The project was supported by the Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe.

▪ Roma Information and Counseling Centers (IPCR)

The goal of this more than four-year program was to support and develop a network of strong Roma NGOs acting as regional umbrella organizations and NOS-OSF partners. In 2006, the program was subject to a complex evaluation focusing on the following areas:

- IPCR mission and activities;
- IPCR sustainability (extent and quality of provided services, financial sustainability, institutional development, IPCRs needs, program impact, significance and impact of the program's grants and operating activities)
- Networking;
- Recommendations.

PR Training

January 26 to January 29, 2006, Poprad

This educational activity focused on improving the communication and presentation skills of NGO representatives and their use in relationships with the media, partners, donors and the general public. The training also focused on skills necessary for improving the organizations' image as a way of strengthening their position and improving access to funding.

Number of participants: 11

Advocacy and Lobbying Training

November 21 and November 22, 2006, Bratislava

This educational activity was organized to improve the advocacy and lobbying skills of the participants. The goal of the training was to introduce representatives of NGOs working mainly with clients from disadvantaged groups to advocacy and lobbying terminology, methodology and skills. IPCR network NGOs and other NGO representatives participated in the training.

Number of participants: 13

Partners: People Against Racism, NOS-OSF's Law Program

▪ Roma Educational Initiative (REI)

This operating program was first introduced in 2003 in the following seven countries: Bulgaria, Hungary, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia. The main goal of the pilot project was to initiate changes in education policy and eliminate segregation of Roma children through education and increased intercultural contacts.

Target group: NGOs, schools, local self-governments, general public.

Roma Educational Initiative "Good Experience"

March to September 2006

This operating initiative, carried out by the network OSI Education Support Program, was designed as a follow-up initiative documenting the results and outcomes of the Roma Educational Initiative (2003-2005). The initiative resulted in the publishing of a book that can be used as a tool for international cooperation, sharing of experience, feed-back and advocacy.

Partners: Wide Open School, Schola Project

Presentation of Roma Educational Initiative Results

October 26 to October 28, 2006, Bratislava

Representatives of the Open Society Foundation, Wide Open School and the Schola Project participated in the 8th annual international conference "Promoting Diversity Through Education: Eliminating Exclusion and Challenging Discrimination", organized by the Step by Step Association. The panel discussion dedicated to the Roma Educational Initiative in Slovakia included a presentation of Slovak experiences with the program by representatives of self-governments, communities, teachers and volunteers from Jarovnice, Smižiany, Košice – Šace and Rudňany. The conference was co-financed by the Open Society Foundation.

Partners: International Step by Step Association, Wide Open School Foundation, Schola Project.

Public Administration Program

The Public Administration Program is designed to support projects focusing on improving the efficiency of public administration, increasing transparency and involvement of the public in regional public administration. The program encourages the involvement of citizens in the policy making process and its improvement. NOS-OSF launched this educational operating and grant program in 2000.

Target group: general public, self-governments.

Number of grants: two grants amounting to SKK 605,000.

See appendix for list of grants.

Needs Assessment of Public Administration Decentralization Process/NOS-OSF Public Administration Program Evaluation

In 2006, NOS-OSF carried out a needs assessment of self-governments and other relevant subjects in terms of the planned Public Administration Program. The project focused on surveying and analyzing the needs of self-governments related to the process of decentralization and public administration reform. Special attention was paid to fiscal decentralization, planned reform, efficiency of self-governments, method and quality of self-governments management and etc.

Public Policy Manual for Self-Governments

The Public Policy Institute of Social Sciences Faculty of Comenius University and the Open Society Foundation published the Public Policy Manual for Self-Governments. The goal of the manual is to show elected representatives and self-government officials different aspects of everyday problem-solving, decision-making processes and public service skills. The manual was distributed free-of-charge to all self-governments and other relevant organizations.

Grant Round: Citizens and Municipal Elections (2006 Municipal Elections)

Based on public opinion surveys indicating low turnout for the 2006 municipal elections, NOS-OSF organized a grant round focusing on the municipal elections. The goal of this grant round was to increase participation and interest in the municipal elections, broaden the voters spectrum, attract young voters and increase transparency of self-government operations. The supported projects were carried out in all Slovak regions except for Bratislava. Only one project was implemented nationally.

Target group: non-governmental organizations, self-governments, media.

Number of applications: 56

Number of supported projects: 11 projects amounting to SKK 1,171,040.00.

See appendix for list of grants.

Public Benefit and its Impact on Slovak Non-Profit Sector

This operating program was implemented between June 1, 2005 and September 30, 2006 in cooperation with the Donors' Forum. We have managed to open a dialogue between the non-profit sector and representatives of the state administration about legislative and fiscal issues concerning the non-profit sector. We have tested discussion as a tool for influencing the legislative process. The program was supported by the Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe.

Target group: NGO representatives, lawyers, economists, public administration representatives.

In 2006, the foundation carried out a range of activities attended by more than 300 representatives of NGOs, public administration and experts from Slovakia and abroad.

Philanthropy Development: Public Benefit and its Impact on Society

March 3, 2006, Bratislava

At this international seminar, established European and Japanese experts shared with the participants various models of operation and cooperation between the non-profit and public sectors. The seminar also evaluated the positive and negative effects of recent legislative changes on public profit in individual countries.

Partners: Program East East: Partnership Beyond Borders, Donors' Forum.

Regional Round Tables

May 2006, Košice, Poprad, Žilina, B. Bystrica, Nitra

The goal of the regional round tables was to map the opinions and expectations of regional NGO representatives concerning public benefit activities and their implementation. The foundation became familiar with the views of regional NGOs and their willingness to accept monitoring of use of public funds.

Closing Conference

September 27, 2006, Bratislava

The goal of the closing conference was to present results of the one-year project and define its future activities. The conference was attended by 30 participants.

Facilitated Discussion at www.verejnaprospesnost.sk

The main tool for initiating discussion about public benefit was the www.verejnaprospesnost.sk website. In addition to the description of individual activities and their results, the website offers valuable information and links to similar pages abroad and in Slovakia. The page also includes a discussion forum about public benefit facilitated by selected experts whose opinions helped create a bearing frame of the discussion.

Publications

Public Benefit: Discussion Process
Public Benefit: Legislation and Practice
Public Benefit: International Examples

The above-mentioned publications were part of the project and include legislative analyses, international experiences, results of implemented activities and thoughts about the future of public benefit.

Supporting Innovative Projects

This project is a flexible tool for supporting financially innovative projects that are in-line with NOS-OSF's strategy – projects focusing on equal opportunities and development of non-profit sector. The project reacts to current social issues and needs. It is a pro-active project, i.e. the foundation actively searches for and contacts organizations focusing on public interest advocacy, watchdog activities and research (think-tanks).

Project goals:

- Increasing awareness of voters and pre-election process transparency through NGO activities;
- Improving conditions and providing services to non-governmental organizations;
- Identifying and testing innovative means of diversification of funding;
- Initiating discussion about minorities and implementing joint activities;
- Improving quality of local media reporting.

Number of grants: 14 grants amounting to SKK 5,431,175.00.

See appendix for list of grants.

Successful Types of Advisory Bodies for Government-NGO Cooperation

October 9 to October 11, 2006, Bratislava

NOS-OSF-organized training for representatives of Croatian government focused on successful government-NGO cooperation. The training introduced its participants to a large range of cooperation mechanisms and especially the Slovak government council for NGOs. The Croatian representatives were encouraged to create work partnerships with their Slovak counterparts and use their new knowledge to improve the Croatian government council for NGOs and government-NGO cooperation in general.

Partner and donor: the European Center for Not-for-Profit Law, Budapest, Hungary.

Rich in Spirit – 2% Direct Tax Allocation Funds

The goal of this grant program was to support innovative projects designed to help overcome the consequences of poverty. The program supported projects focusing on educational, organizational, and counseling activities for local disadvantaged groups designed to improve employment, use of available employment opportunities and increase the changes of those whose opportunities were limited by poverty.

Target group: minorities, youth and physically disabled, disadvantaged and senior members of communities.

Number of applicants: 25

Number of awarded grants: 11 grants amounting to SKK 1,156,470.00.

See appendix for list of grants.

Monitoring of Community Foundations

From January to June 2006 the foundation carried out a monitoring of community foundations supported by the NOS-OSF Community Program in 1996-2003. In 2005, the foundation opened a special grant round for its former grantees. The goal of the monitoring was to gather information about their current state, position in their respective communities, funding and spending, human resources and technical means, to identify challenges and areas where the organizations were fully sufficient and areas where they could use financial help.

Monitored organizations: Community Foundation Banská Bystrica, Community Foundation Prešov, Community Foundation Bratislava, Trenčín Foundation, Nitra Community Foundation, Community Foundation Liptov, Revia – Malokarpatská Community Foundation, Community Foundation Veľký Šariš, Community Foundation Bardejov and Community Foundation Modrá Torysa, Lipany.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION SUPPORT

International cooperation is present in all programs of the Open Society Foundation. The foundation uses the East East Program – Partnership Beyond Borders to share international experience and to promote civil society principles. The foundation's 2006 operating activities in the area of international cooperation focused on the development of philanthropy and sharing of experience with transformation processes with its Asian partners. In 2006, the foundation awarded four grants amounting to SKK 810,596.50 and supported 26 experts to attend 15 events.

East East– Partnership Beyond Borders Program

In 1991 George Soros came up with the idea to support cooperation between Central and Eastern European countries – he said “people should travel, meet, share views and experiences with post-communist transformation.” He stressed that Central and Eastern Europe had a lot to offer to each other and could help each other in many ways. The East East Program – Partnership Beyond Borders is based on this idea.

East East Program: Partnership Beyond Borders is a grant and operating program launched in 1993.

Number of applications: 11

Number of grants: 4 grants amounting to SKK 810,596.50.

See appendix for list of grants.

Development of Philanthropy: Public Benefit and its Impact on Society

March 2 and March 3, 2006, Bratislava

The international seminar “Development of Philanthropy: Public Benefit and its Impact on Society” was organized by the Open Society Foundation and Donors' Forum. See the Public Benefit Program and its Impact on Slovak NGO Sector for more information.

Partner: Donors' Forum

Sustainability and Development of Media NGOs: Kazakhstan and Slovakia

April 23 to April 30, 2006, Bratislava, Banská Bystrica, Prešov, Košice

The seminar was designed for a group of Kazakh lawyers to gain new knowledge and information about positive examples and innovative steps necessary for further personal development and development of their media organizations.

Public Participation in Legislative Processes

December 4 to December 8, 2006, Bratislava, Banská Bystrica

The Open Society Foundation carried out this project in cooperation with the Open Society Forum Mongolia. The project was designed to facilitate exchange of information about the legislative aspects of public participation in legislative processes and free access to information. A group of Mongolian MPs visited Slovakia in December. During the week-long seminar they met with representatives of Slovak state administration, parliament, NGOs and independent experts discussing legislative and institutional requirements and mechanisms and methods of public participation in the legislative process and free access to information.

SOCIETY AND INFORMATION

The Open Society Foundation uses the Journalism Award to improve the quality of Slovak journalism and create space for friendly confrontation and discussion.

2005 Journalism Award

In November 2006, NOS-OSF opened the second year of the national competition Journalism Award 2005. After the first successful year, the foundation continued its efforts to publicly honor good journalism work. The competition is designed for journalists from all forms of media: print, electronic, national, local and regional. It aims to support the development of high-quality Slovak journalism and create an opportunity for friendly confrontation and discussion. The Journalism Award is awarded in 12 categories with independent juries determining the winners in each category.

The competition includes a special Open Society Award dedicated to the memory of Karol Ježík, whose work helped raise media's awareness of the sensitive issues of minorities and encourage the development of Slovak investigative journalism.

Number of entries: 444

Competition Partners: Slovak Telecom, the World Bank, MEMO 98 and Siemens.

PR partner: PRime time Agency

See appendix for competition results.

NOS – OSF PROGRAM PARTNERS

Over time, organizations that were originally part of the Open Society Foundation program structure split to create independent organizations to build on their knowledge and to carry out their own activities or grant programs. These organizations include the following: Foundation - Center of Contemporary Art, the Wide Open School, Open Medical Club and the Slovak-Czech Women's Fund.

Wide Open School Foundation, Žiar nad Hronom

The Wide Open School Foundation was formed from the educational program Step by Step, launched in Slovakia by NOS – OSF in 1993. After two years, an independent spin-off organization, the Wide Open School Foundation, was established. Its mission is to stimulate institutional and family education of pre-school children, and to support children from socially disadvantaged or under-stimulating families.

The Žiar nad Hronom Community Center received two grants of USD 20,000 and SKK 180,792.00.

Open Medical Club

The civic association Open Medical Club organizes educational programs for medical doctors: Salzburg Medical Seminars, satellite symposia, and its own seminars and training activities for medical doctors and a wide range of health care professionals. Its aim is to effectively apply relevant and valid information and data acquired at the Salzburg Medical Seminars and other international institutions, putting the Evidence Based Medicine principle into practice. The organization also provides up-to-date, relevant information to the public. See www.omc.sk for more information.

The Open Medical Club received two grants of SKK 102,576.26 and SKK 118,543.69.

Slovak-Czech Women's Fund

In 2004, NOS-OSF Bratislava and OSF Prague established a new donor organization -- the Slovak-Czech Women's Fund. At the same time, both foundations made a commitment to support this organization during its first three years of existence. The Fund's role is to promote the principles of equal opportunities for women and men by supporting initiatives aimed at protection, advocacy and application of women's rights, and philanthropy aimed at women and gender equality. See www.womensfund.sk for more details.

The organization received a grant of SKK 2,246,000.00.

List of Grants and Scholarships

Distance Learning for NGOs

Education Center for Non-Profit Organizations
Banská Bystrica
EU Project School
SKK 1,128,597.60

University Scholarships for Roma Students

Ádiová Anna, Čierna n/Tisou
SKK 3,300.00

Ádiová Denisa, Leles *
SKK 13,700.00

Ádiová Mária, Čierna n/Tisou *
SKK 10,500.00

Baláž Ján, Banská Bystrica
SKK 5,100.00

Baláž Ján, Harmanec
SKK 7,200.00

Baláž Rastislav, Poprad *
SKK 9,100.00

Baláž Zdenko, Hontianske Tesáre *
SKK 12,300.00

Balážová Simona, Poprad *
SKK 9,100.00

Balážová Viera, Žiar nad Hronom *
SKK 12,300.00

Balažovičová Eva, Nové mesto n/Váhom
SKK 6,500.00

Balog Radoslav, Šarišské Bohdanovce
SKK 4,500.00

Balog Richard, Lučenec
SKK 6,500.00

Bangová Simona, Jaslovské Bohunice
SKK 5,100.00

Bangová Simona, Radošovce
SKK 7,200.00

Berkiová Csilla, Hostice
SKK 5,100.00

Berky Štefan, Piešťany
SKK 6,500.00

Božárová Andrea, Komárno
SKK 5,800.00

Bužová Lenka, Snina *
SKK 12,300.00

Červeňáková Žaneta, Jakubany
SKK 6,500.00

Chichová Andrea, Hnúšťa
SKK 6,500.00

Čonka Ladislav, Vranov nad Topľou
SKK 5,800.00

Čonková Silvia, Smižany
SKK 6,500.00

Csonková Marta, Gemerská Ves
SKK 5,800.00

Daniel Lukáš, Kopčany
SKK 7,200.00

Danihel Vincent, Bratislava *
SKK 13,700.00

Demčák Marek, Zámutov
SKK 5,100.00

Demeter Jozef, Slovenské Nové Mesto
SKK 6,500.00

Dudyová Denisa, Jaklovce
SKK 5,100.00

Farkašová Tunde, Rimavská Sobota *
SKK 12,300.00

Ferencová Ivana, Vechec *
SKK 13,700.00

Ferencová Mária, Humenné
SKK 7,200.00

Gabčová Kristína, Poprad
SKK 7,200.00

Gabčová Ľudmila, Spišská Teplica
SKK 7,200.00

Gábor Marek, Kecerovce
SKK 5,800.00

Gábor Roman, Šarišské Bohdanovce
SKK 4,500.00

Gáborová Kroková Jana, Bzenov
SKK 4,500.00

Gorová Ildikó, Kecerovce
SKK 6,500.00

Horváth Ľudovít, Krompachy *
SKK 13,700.00

Horváthová Irena, Spišská Nová Ves *
SKK 12,300.00

Huňák Ján, Svidník
SKK 7,200.00

Huňáková Simona, Svidník
SKK 5,100.00

Jurčišin Ján, Stropkov
SKK 3,600.00

Jurčišinová Katarína, Stropkov
SKK 3,600.00

Kaločaiová Alexandra, Nová Baňa
SKK 5,100.00

Kandráčová Denisa, Spišský Hrhov *
SKK 7,000.00

Katriňáková Lucia, Bystré *
SKK 13,700.00

Kešeľ Tibor, Pavlovce nad Uhom *
SKK 13,700.00

Klempárová Magdaléna, Košice
SKK 6,500.00

Kochlic Martin, Ružomberok *
SKK 13,700.00

Kokyová Magdaléna, Košice
SKK 5,800.00

Kokyová Viera, Spišská Nová Ves
SKK 6,500.00

Kondorová Marta, Veľké Kapušany
SKK 6,500.00

Koreňová Nina, Levice *
SKK 13,700.00

Kovács Štefan, Nitra
SKK 6,500.00

Kovács Štefan, Tvrdosovce
SKK 7,200.00

Krupinský Kamil, Lučenec *
SKK 13,700.00

Kuľa Jozef, Blatné Remety
SKK 7,200.00

Lacko Marek, Bardejov
SKK 6,500.00

Lakatoš Milan, Vinodol
SKK 5,100.00

Lázoková Monika, Hnúšťa
SKK 6,500.00

Ličková Alena, Banská Štiavnica *
SKK 12,300.00

Loch Vladimír, Košice
SKK 400.00

Mako Jozef, Nálepkovo *
SKK 13,700.00

Maková Danka, Banská Bystrica *
SKK 13,700.00

Mareková Helena, Spišská Teplica
SKK 7,200.00

Mihálik Ján, Jaklovce
SKK 7,200.00

Mileňkyová Daniela, Malčice
SKK 6,500.00

Mirgová Ružena, Spišský Štvrtok *
SKK 13,700.00

Mirgová Žaneta, Poprad *
SKK 13,700.00

Mižigarová Erika, Poprad *
SKK 12,300.00

Patkoló Július, Šaľa
SKK 6,500.00

Pehelová Mariana, Továrne
SKK 3,500.00

Piskorová Stanislava, Nižný Hrabovec *
SKK 13,700.00

Pišťová Lýdia, Poprad
SKK 7,200.00

Plachetka Sergej, Švedlár *
SKK 13,700.00

Plachetková Edita, Švedlár
SKK 7,200.00

Pompa Aleš, Poprad
SKK 5,800.00

Pompa Richard, Toporec
SKK 7,200.00

Pompová Marcela, Toporec
SKK 6,500.00

Pustajová Lucia, Tisovec
SKK 7,200.00

Rafael Milan, Kolárovo *
SKK 13,700.00

Ružinyiová Júlia, Lenartovce
SKK 7,200.00

Šandor Milan, Košice
SKK 6,000.00

Sárkoziová Helena, Dunajská Streda
SKK 6,500.00

Šarkoziová Petra, Žiar nad Hronom *
SKK 12,300.00

Stojka Jaroslav, Žilina
SKK 7,200.00

Šuru Michal, Nižný Hrabovec
SKK 4,500.00

Szajko Zsolt, Včelince *
SKK 13,700.00

Szobóová Ágnes, Dunajská Streda
SKK 6,500.00

Teru Viktor, Veľké Kapušany
SKK 6,500.00

Toráčová Katarína, Handlová
SKK 7,200.00

Váradiová Alžbeta, Rimavská Seč
SKK 5,100.00

Várady Štefan, Gemer *
SKK 13,700.00

Varga Peter, Vranov n/Topľou
SKK 5,100.00

Žiga Martin, Šarišské Bohdanovce
SKK 4,500.00

Žolták Ľubomír, Stropkov *
SKK 13,700.00

Zsiga Juraj, Krh. Podhradie *
SKK 13,700.00

Zubaj Miroslav, Kežmarok
SKK 6,500.00

* The grantee qualified for support in both grant rounds.

Secondary School Scholarships for Roma Students

Secondary Grammar School of St. Josephate, Trebišov*
SKK 21,100.00

Girls Vocational School, Prešov
SKK 2,600.00

Secondary Grammar School, Krompachy*
SKK 8,400.00

Secondary Grammar School, Tornaľa*
SKK 9,000.00

Secondary Grammar School A. Prídavka, Sabinov
SKK 6,400.00

Secondary Grammar School of Mother Teresa, Svidník*
SKK 8,400.00

Secondary Grammar School, Giraltovce
SKK 5,200.00

Secondary Grammar School, Želiezovce
SKK 7,800.00

Business Academy, Stará Ľubovňa*
SKK 14,800.00

Business Academy, Šurany
SKK 2,600.00

Pedagogical and Social Work Academy, Lučenec
SKK 20,600.00

Pedagogical and Social Work Academy, Levice*
SKK 11,000.00

Secondary Grammar School of J. Hronec, Bratislava*
SKK 5,800.00

Secondary School, Sobrance*
SKK 9,000.00

Secondary School, Spišská Nová Ves
SKK 9,600.00

Secondary School, Svidník
SKK 5,200.00

Secondary School, Hnušťa*
SKK 44,300.00

Secondary Technical School, Snina
SKK 6,400.00

Secondary Technical School of Transportation, Čaklov
SKK 7,800.00

Secondary School of Electrical Engineering, Michalovce
SKK 5,200.00

Secondary Technical School of Food Industry, Rimavská Sobota
SKK 6,400.00

Secondary School of Arts, Košice*
SKK 123,600.00

Secondary School of Health Care, Humenné
SKK 5,200.00

Secondary School of Health Care, Michalovce*
SKK 14,800.00

Secondary School of Health Care, Poprad*
SKK 23,200.00

Secondary School of Health Care, Rožňava
82,600.00

Secondary School of Health Care Samaritan the Merciful, Svidník*
27,000.00

Secondary Vocational School, Brezno
SKK 3,200.00

Secondary Vocational School, Galanta
SKK 2,100.00

Secondary Vocational School, Stará Ľubovňa*
SKK 67,600.00

Secondary Vocational School, Svidník
SKK 1,600.00

Secondary Vocational School of Electrical Engineering, Veľké Kapušany
SKK 2,600.00

Secondary Vocational School of St. Paul, Levoča
SKK 1,600.00

Secondary Vocational School of Textile Design, Tornaľa*
SKK 59,400.00

Secondary Vocational School of Textile Design of Gen. L. Svoboda, Svidník*
SKK 17,900.00

Secondary Vocational School of Agriculture, Štítnik*
SKK 10,000.00

Secondary Vocational School of Agriculture, Čaklov
SKK 3,200.00

Secondary Vocational School of Agriculture, Poltár
SKK 33,800.00

Secondary Vocational School of Agriculture, Stropkov
SKK 2,600.00

Secondary Vocational School of Agriculture and Food Industry, Banská Bystrica*
SKK 3,600.00

Secondary Vocational School of Services, Rimavská Sobota
SKK 9,500.00

Secondary Vocational School of Construction, Prešov
SKK 1,600.00

Secondary Vocational School of Construction, Michalovce*
SKK 48,000.00

Secondary Vocational School of Engineering, Komárno*
SKK 3,700.00

Secondary Vocational School of St. Klement Hofbauer, Podolínec
SKK 4,200.00

Private Academy for Roma Communities, Košice*
SKK 145,000.00

Private Secondary School, Kežmarok*
SKK 94,400.00

Secondary Vocational School, Fiľakovo*
SKK 13,700.00

Secondary School, Snina*
SKK 20,000.00

Secondary School, Trebišov
SKK 5,800.00

Secondary School of A. Dubček, Vranov nad Topľou
SKK 26,400.00

Secondary School of Carpentry, Vranov nad Topľou,
SKK 1,600.00

Secondary School of Hotel Services and Business, Žiar nad Hronom
SKK 2,100.00

Secondary School of Business and Services, Kežmarok*
SKK 17,400.00

Secondary School of Agriculture, Želovce*
SKK 33,800.00

Secondary School of Agriculture and Food Industry, Rimavská Sobota
SKK 3,200.00

* The school qualified for support in both grant rounds.

Secondary School of Jednota Cooperative, Giraltovec*
SKK 25,300.00

Secondary School of Glass Industry, Poltár
SKK 7,400.00

Secondary School, Medzilaborce
SKK 9,400.00

Secondary School, Vranov nad Topľou
SKK 17,900.00

Secondary School Scholarships

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

Michaela Jalčová
Evangelic Secondary Grammar School of J. A. Komensky, Košice
Asheville School, NC, USA

Zuzana Jasenková
Evangelic Lyceum, Vranovská, Bratislava
Northfield Mount Hermon School, MA, USA

Mária Kočišová
Secondary Grammar School, Poštová, Košice
Mercersburg Academy, PA, USA

Lenka Medveďová
Evangelic Secondary Grammar School, Tisovec
Albuquerque Academy, NM, USA

Adriana Nitranská
Secondary Grammar School, Dunajská, Bratislava
The Williston Northampton School, MA, USA

Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC) Projects for Central and Eastern Europe, UK – one-year stay

Michal Anderle
Secondary Grammar School of Mother Alexy, Bratislava
New Hall School, Essex, UK

Štefan Korbeľ
Bilingual English-Slovak Secondary Grammar School, Sučany
Shrewsbury School, Shropshire, UK

Jarmila Koubeková
Evangelic Lyceum, Vranovská, Bratislava
Loretto Day and Boarding School, Edinburgh, UK

Michal Meleg
Secondary Grammar School of Mother Alexy, Bratislava
Brentwood School, Essex, UK

Katarína Muchová
Secondary Grammar School of St. Ursula, Bratislava
Chigwell school, Essex, UK

Zuzana Podracká
Bilingual English-Slovak Secondary Grammar School, Sučany
Ackworth School, West Yorkshire, UK

12th Annual English Essay Competition

Junior Category Winners:

1. **Nina Lenhartová**, Secondary Grammar School V. B. Nedožersky, Prievidza
2. **Katarína Szulényiová**, 1st Private Secondary Grammar School, Bajkalská, Bratislava
3. **Eva Majdánová**, Secondary Grammar School of F. G. Lorca, Bratislava

Senior Category Winners:

1. **Ondrej Urban**, Secondary Grammar School of L. Štúr, Trenčín
2. **Veronika Lakotová**, Secondary Grammar School, Grösslingova, Bratislava

3. **Bibiána Kočíková**, 8-year Secondary Grammar School, Trebišovská, Košice
4. **Lenka Šturmančinová**, Secondary Grammar School, Šrobárova, Košice
5. **Kristína Jakubíková**, Secondary Grammar School, Mierová, Levice

Anglophone Category Winners:

1. **Ján Voderadský**, Secondary Grammar School of Juraj Hronec, Novohradská, Bratislava
2. **Juraj Špilda**, Evangelic Lyceum, Vranovská, Bratislava
3. **Ján Michalko**, Evangelic Lyceum, Vranovská, Bratislava
4. **Andrej Schulcz**, Evangelic Lyceum, Vranovská, Bratislava

One-year Internship of Slovak Teachers at British Independent Schools (HMC)

Katarína Barteková

Graduate, Faculty of Humanities and Natural Sciences, University of Prešov, Prešov
St. Benedict's Senior School, London, Ealing, UK

Andrea Tyčiaková

Graduate, Pedagogical Faculty, University of Constantine the Philosopher, Nitra
Hethersett Old Hall School, Hethersett, Norwich, UK

Tomáš Mihalčíak

Graduate, Faculty of Humanities, Matej Bel University, Banská Bystrica
Worth School, Turners Hill, Crawley, West Sussex, UK

Zoja Viazanicová

Graduate, Faculty of Humanities, Matej Bel University, Banská Bystrica
Queen's College, Taunton, Somerset, UK

Harm Reduction Program

Pedagogical Faculty of Matej Bel University, Banská Bystrica

Increasing Professionalism of Teachers and Providers of Harm Reduction Services
SKK 358,650.00

RISEN, Prešov

H.E.L.P.!
SKK 274,000.00

Competition INFO Act of the Year 2006

Friendly Act of Year 2006

1st place: Slovak justice ministry / former minister Lucia Žitňanská
for initiating the publishing of court decisions on the Internet

2nd place: Prešov city council / Michal Kaliňák
for positive approach to media and regular publishing of city council information on the Internet

3rd place: Semerovo municipal council / Imrich Hrabovský, mayor
for outstanding municipal information system

Ján Langoš was awarded a special in-memoriam lifetime achievement award for his uncompromising advocacy of citizens' rights to free access to information.

Hostile Act of 2006

1st place: Slovak ministry of transport, posts and Telecommunications
for persistent refusal to publish information about the privatization of Slovak Telecommunications, a.s.

2nd place: Slovak ministry of construction and regional development
for refusing to publish information about the process of allocation of EU funds

3rd place: Slovak government office
for refusing to release audio recording of the first meeting of Robert Fico's government of July 13, 2006

2006 Small Grants for Civil Society Program

Slovak Scouting Association – Roma Scouting Area, Košice
Assistance for youth employability in Roma scouting
SKK 191,500.00

Regional Development Support Agency Košice, n.o.
Splendor and Poverty (better governance of communities – package of initiatives and educational activities)
SKK 98,000.00

DOMKA – Association of Salesian Youth, Bratislava – Mamateyova Center
The Quality Motivation – Guarantee of Better Study Results
SKK 120,000.00

Lighthouse, CA, Zlaté Moravce
Workforce Incubator
SKK 161,548.00

Sabinov Institute of Sustainable Development, Lipany
Roma Civil Eye
SKK 220,000.00

New Roma Generation, Bratislava
We want more than pre-election interest and vote-buying!
SKK 247,500.00

Milan Šimečka Foundation, Bratislava
Strengthening capacity of Roma activists to influence public policy
SKK 200,000.00

PAKIV Slovakia, Prievidza
Do you know what the Decade is?
SKK 249,000.00

CA Michalovce New Way, Michalovce
NGO networking and capacity building for Decade program
SKK 166,200.00

Public Administration Program

**Public Policy Institute, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences
Comenius University, Bratislava**
Public Policy Manual for Self-Governments
SKK 305,000.00

**M.E.S.A., 10 – Center for Economic and Social Analyses,
Bratislava**
Benchmarking of city councils
SKK 300,000.00

Citizen and Municipal Elections – Grant Round

Žilina Slovak Academic Information Agency, n.o. (SAIA ZA), Žilina
About us with us
SKK 102,000.00

CREATV s.r.o., Košice, Košice
You can decide, so do it! 2006 Municipal elections
SKK 142,000.00

Prievidza Youth Information Center, Prievidza
I vote, I'm not an ostrich!
SKK 131,000.00

Community Organization Center, Banská Bystrica
Citizens, vote for your town!
SKK 150,000.00

New Roma Generation, Bratislava
Roma and municipal policy
SKK 124,000.00

Strážov Club, Považská Bystrica
Považská Bystrica Open
SKK 105,000.00

Student Society for Political Sciences, c.a., Prešov
Act local – think global!
SKK 91,530.00

**People in Need, o.p.s. – Czech TV Organization, Slovak office,
Spišské Podhradie**
Responsibility of Roma in municipal policy
SKK 115,750.00

Central European Educational Institute, Brezno
Brezno youth and municipal elections
SKK 51,500.00

Regional Counseling and Information Center Trebišov
Business community and municipal elections
SKK 67,000.00

Slatinka Association, Zvolen
"Can you hear me?" improving communication between MP's and
citizens
SKK 91,260.00

Supporting Innovative Projects:

Civic Association Equalize Opportunities, Prešov
Roma song festival – Roma Heart, 1st year
SKK 308,000.00

1st Slovak Non-Profit Service Center, Bratislava
Public Awareness Program, 2% for better life
SKK 595,000.00

1st Slovak Non-Profit Service Center, Bratislava
Efekt magazine
SKK 467,025.00

Donors Forum, Bratislava
Strengthening Slovak Foundations
SKK 370,500.00

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

Foundation – Center of Contemporary Art, Bratislava
Open Gallery, 2007
SKK 450,000.00

Civic Association Well Giving, Bratislava
Donate.sk
SKK 270,000.00

1st Slovak Non-Profit Service Center, Bratislava
Development of NGO legislation and NGO Law Codex
SKK 792,000.00

Forum Minority Research Institute, Šamorín
Slovak-Hungarian cooperation, round table
SKK 120,000.00

**SOCIA – Foundation for Support of Social Changes,
Bratislava**
Charity lottery
SKK 200,000.00

LOTOS – Association of Local TV Slovak Stations, Martin
Workshop, 2007 – presentation of local TV productions, 9th
year, Martin
SKK 164,000.00

MEMO 98, Bratislava
Election INFO – Slovak parliamentary elections, 2006
SKK 487,250.00

Fair - Play Alliance, o.z., Bratislava
Elections – an opportunity for transparency and quality improvement of Slovak politics
SKK 465,400.00

F.A.Hayek Foundation Bratislava, Bratislava
Activation and improvement of voters' information in 2006 parliamentary elections in Slovakia
SKK 382,000.00

Directly awarded grants by the Open Society Institute Grants

Novohradská Foundation, Bratislava
BratMUN, 2006
SKK 133,345.00

Slovak Debate Association, Bratislava
2006/2007 Debate Program
USD 8,797.00

Rich in Spirit –2% Direct Tax Allocation Funds

Minorities Community Center, Veľký Krtíš
Second Chance for Roma
SKK 118,700.00

For Better Life, Rankovce
Preparing Roma leaders for social projects
SKK 101,000.00

Power of Help, Spišský Štvrtok
We want to succeed
SKK 95,000.00

People in Need, Spišské Podhradie
Key to change
SKK 140,000.00

New Way, Michalovce
Without us, the world is not complete
SKK 104,600.00

Milan Šimečka Foundation, Bratislava
Work feeds us and does wonders for us
SKK 138,200.00

Community -- a Place for Everyone, Kežmarok
Who can help me find a job and keep it?
SKK 130,000.00

Association of Friends of Children from Children's Homes, Smile as Gift, Banská Bystrica
Let's get ready for life
SKK 81,900.00

Social Work Advisory Board, Košice
Let's seize the chance!
SKK 99,200.00

Innova, Rimavská Seč
Mental hygiene trainings for better employment
SKK 74,620.00

Roma Community Center, Humenné
Informal education for young Roma leaders
SKK 73,250.00

East East Program – Partnership Beyond Borders

Electro-cardiology, Bratislava
Building network for development of scientific and research literacy
SKK 113,160.00

General Directorate of Prison and Court Guard Corps, Bratislava
Consequences of long-term imprisonment, re-integration into society
SKK 262,889.00

Association People in Peril, Bratislava
Encouraging dialogue among Kosovo ethnic groups
SKK 87,000.00

House of Europe, Bratislava
Learning to live together – investment for the future
SKK 347,547.50

Participation in International Projects

Awareness and Action in Preventing and Treating Hepatitis C among Vulnerable Sectors of Society
Organizer: CEE Harm Reduction Network (CEEHRN), Vilnius
March 9 to March 12, 2006, Vilnius, Lithuania
Peter Lazový, CA Odysseus, Bratislava

New Political Movements and Practices
Organizer: Peace Institute, Institute for Contemporary Social and Political Studies, Ljubljana
April 21, 2006, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Lubica Kobová, ASPEKTin, Bratislava

ROAD / Rural Opportunities and Approaches for Development
Organizer: Center for Rural Assistance, Timisoara
March 23 to March 26, Temesvar, Rumania
Jakub Petra, RRA Tatry – Spiš, Kežmarok

The Western Balkans - Regional Responses to Visa Liberalization
May 18 and 19, 2006, Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro
Slávka Zborovianová, Slovak Interior Ministry, Bratislava

Current and Future Challenges in Curriculum Development: Case Studies, Networking for Change, Vision Exercises: Education Policy in Romania
Organizer: Center Education 2000+, Bucharest
June 22 to June 25, 2006, Romania
Ludmila Liptáková, Pedagogical Faculty of Prešov University, Prešov

Civil Participation in the Implementation of EU Nature Conservation Directives
Organizer: Organization Green Balkans, Plovdiv, Bulgaria
August 23 to August 30, 2006, Bulgaria
Katarína Klimová, OZ BROŽ, Bratislava
Alica Masaryková, OZ BROŽ, Bratislava
Jaromír Šíbl, BROŽ, OZ Bratislava

Young People: Meeting the Challenges of Diversity
Organizer: Vilnius Senvage Secondary School
October 14 to October 18, 2006, Vilnius, Lithuania
Edita Držíková, Secondary Grammar School of A. Einstein, Bratislava
Drahomíra Kovaříková, Secondary Grammar School of A. Einstein, Bratislava
Nataša Ondrušková, House of Europe, Bratislava

Enhancing Police Intervention in Domestic Violence Cases
Organizer: Police Training College, Prague, Czech Republic
October 23 to October 28, 2006, Prague, Czech Republic
Marcel Imrich, SOŠ PZ Košice
Július Kubaško, SOŠ PZ Košice

Good Practices and Experiences of Food Banks Organizer: Charity Foundation Lithuanian and U.S. Initiatives– LUSI, Vilnius, Lithuania
October 26 to October 28, Vilnius and Panevežis, Lithuania
Marko Urdzík, Slovak Food Bank, Lipany
Jana Golembiovská, North Podpoľany Association, Banská Bystrica

Monitoring Democratic Processes
Organizer: Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation– Armenia in partnership with the Yerevan Press Club and Helsinki Committee of Armenia
October 26 to October 29, 2006, Yerevan, Armenia
Marek Mračka, Memo 98, Bratislava

Criminology and Power: Partnership for Crime Prevention
Organizer: Law Institute, Vilnius in partnership with Mykolas Romeris University, Law Faculty, Vilnius; Vilnius University, Law Faculty; Vilnius University Faculty of Philosophy; and Center for Crime Prevention in Lithuania, Vilnius
October 27 and October 28, 2006, Vilnius, Lithuania
Iveta Fedorovičová, Law Faculty of Comenius University, Bratislava
Lýdia Tobiášová, Law Faculty of Comenius University, Bratislava

Developing Innovative Gender Equality Strategies: Family-Friendly Policies
Organizer: Center for Equality Advancement, Vilnius, Lithuania
November 14 to November 17, 2006, Siauliai and Vilnius, Lithuania
Katarína Minarovičová, EsFem, Bratislava
Zuzana Očenášová, Slovak-Czech Women's' Fund, Bratislava

Partnership for Developing Information Network of Virtual Consumer Education
Organizer: Western Lithuania Consumer Federation (WLCF), Klaipeda www.vlwf.org
November 5 to November 7, 2006, Klaipeda, Lithuania
Mária Čapová, TASHA Academy, Bratislava
Božena Stašenková, Slovak Consumer Association, Stará Ľubovňa

New EU Member States: Development Cooperation and Democracy Promotion
Organizers: Hungarian Helsinki Committee, Budapest, People in Need Foundation, Prague, Open Society Archives, Budapest, Human Rights Students' Initiative CEU, Budapest
November 10, 2006, Budapest, Hungary
Balázs Jarábik, PACT Ukraine, Kiev

Common Way to Europe: Knowledge, Experience, Development
Organizers: Association of Nonprofit Human Services of Hungary – ANHSH, Budapest, Association Szocio East, Nyiregyháza www.szocioeast.hu, SOCIA – Social Reform Foundation, Bratislava, Working Community of Associations of Social Organisations, Warsaw, Association of Nongovernmental, Nonprofit Organisations Active in the Areas of Social Assistance and Social Health Care, Prague
December 13 to December 15, 2006, Budapest, Hungary
Juraj Bábek, National Support Structure IS EQUAL, Bratislava
Adriana Komorníková, SOCIA Foundation, Bratislava
Marcela Volárová, SOCIA Foundation, Bratislava

2005 Journalism Award Winners

Open Society Award Dedicated to the Memory of Karol Ježík
Silvia Kušnírová – a series of political discussion programs (TA3). Awarded by the competition jury.

Best Article in Print Media
Andrej Bán – “Landscape of Graves” (Týždeň magazine)

Best Story in Electronic Media
Tatiana Šušková – “Paulínka” stories (Rádio Slovensko)

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

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

Best News Article in Regional Print Media
Ľuboš Kostelanský – stories “Oravians want to rename Auschwitz street” and “Toluen in Tesco” (Trenčín newspaper)

Best Regionally Aired Story in Electronic Media
Jozefína Mikovinyová – Conference on Holocaust (Rádio Regina – Banská Bystrica)

Best Analytical and Investigative Article in Print Media

Marek Vagovič – a series of articles “Scandalous Bonds”
(.týždeň)

Best Analytical and Investigative Story in Electronic Media

Katarína Začková – “Oil or Water” (STV)

No award in category Best Commentary in Print Media

Best Short Article in Print Media

Štefan Hrib – a series of five editorials (.týždeň)

Best News Photography

Robert Hüttner – a series of photographs of the High Tatras fire
(Pravda)

Best Cartoon, Comics or Caricature

Martin Šútovec – a series of cartoons and comics (SME and
Nový čas pre Ženy)

Organizational Structure

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
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Expert Committees

Secondary School Scholarships for Roma Students

Helena Jonášová, KZRSR, Banská Bystrica
Janette Maziniová, OCR, Nové Mesto nad Váhom
Viliam Zeman, office of government representative for Roma communities, Bratislava

University Scholarships for Roma Students

Zuzana Bošellová, Nadácia M. Šimečku, Bratislava
Stanislav Cina, office of government representative for Roma communities, Prešov
Viliam Zeman, office of government representative for Roma communities, Bratislava

English Essay Competition – 12th Annual

Jana Bérešová, English teacher, Testing SIG SAUA/SATE, Trnava University, Trnava
Dagmar Blight, English teacher, Philosophical Faculty, St. Cyril and Method University, Trnava
Jonathan Gresty, English teacher, Evangelic Secondary Grammar Schools, Prešov
Tor Lindbloom, American English teacher, 1st Private Secondary Grammar School, Bratislava
Paul McCullough, American English teacher, Faculty of Education, Comenius University, Bratislava

Rich in Spirit / 2% Direct Tax Allocation Funds

Ivona Fibingerová, US Embassy, Bratislava
Viera Klementová, Slovak-Czech Women's Fund, Bratislava
Myrtil Nagy, Forum Institute, Šamorín

2006 Small Grants Program

Andrea Chorváthová, Partners for Democratic Change Slovakia, Bratislava
Marek Harakal', Social Development Fund, Bratislava
Miroslav Jenka, Way of Hope, CA, Žiar nad Hronom
Ingrid Brocková, World Bank Slovakia, Bratislava

We are Equal

Andrea Chorváthová, Partners for Democratic Change Slovakia, Bratislava
Jana Slaninová, People against Racism, Bratislava
Michal Šebesta, S.P.A.C.E., Bratislava
Albert Kováč, office of government representative for Roma communities, Bratislava

Citizens and Municipal Elections – 2006 Municipal Elections

Eva Reiselová, daily SME, Bratislava
Milan Galanda, legal expert, Bratislava
Milan Vajda, Bratislava City Council

2006 Journalism Award – Jury

Ingrid Brocková, the World Bank, Bratislava
Andrea Gontkovičová, Philip Morris Slovakia, Bratislava
Zuzana Kušová, PRime time, Bratislava
Rasťo Kužel, MEMO 98, Bratislava
Miloš Nemeček, Association of Slovak Press Publishers, Bratislava
Gabriel Šípoš, Slovak Press Watch / INEKO, Bratislava

Members of individual juries are listed on www.novinarskacena.sk.

Rules for Expert Committee Members

- 1) Expert committee members (EC) are voluntary advisors in a respective grant program;
- 2) EC members assist in fulfilling the mission and goals of the Open Society Foundation;
- 3) EC members participate regularly in the meetings of their committees or other important meetings; they actively participate in the work related to their program;
- 4) EC members act in line with the ethical code. That is:
 - a) all project information is confidential and cannot be made public before its implementation;
 - b) EC members cannot spread information that could damage the Open Society Foundation's reputation;
 - c) there can be no conflict of interest, while the **conflict of interest** is understood as follows:
 - if the EC member cannot stay impartial and objective in assessing the project submitted because the decision is made between the foundation's interests and his/her interests;
 - if the EC member (or a relative, close friend, business partner) has a financial interest in awarding the grant or signing the contract or in decision making related to the public procurement of the foundation;
 - if the EC member (or a relative, close friend, business partner) is in business partnership with the grant applicant or is its potential contractor or will end up in other conflict situations related to loyalty with the foundation that can influence the foundation's decision-making. This is also applicable in the case when no personal financial profit of the EC member from the grant is at stake;
 - it is up to the consciousness of the individual EC members to admit their partiality, involvement, real or potential conflict of interests;
 - in the case of direct involvement/partiality the committee member is excluded from discussion about the project;
 - in the case of indirect involvement/partiality (e.g. project supervisor), the committee member explains his/her position to the committee that decides about his/her participation in the discussion.

If an EC member breaches any of the above provisions, he/she can be released from the EC.

- 5) EC members assist the program coordinator in guiding the program, stipulating its strategy and priorities;
- 6) EC members are obliged to get acquainted with the project information supplied by the program coordinator and provide his/her assessment at the committee meeting;
- 7) EC members monitor the work of the grant coordinator;
- 8) EC members formally assess the performance of the committee in meeting the program goals and mission at the end of the year.
- 9) EC members are obliged to participate in the committee meetings. If they cannot participate they will excuse themselves in advance. If an unannounced absence occurs: if a committee member has three unannounced absences and has not participated in one third of all committee meetings in one calendar year, a request for his/her resignation may be filed.
 - a) in exceptional cases when an EC member has prepared for the meeting but cannot participate due to emergency reasons, he/she shall explain his/her position to the program coordinator in writing.
 - b) in the case of a long-term absence the EC member can find his/her substitute.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board of Trustees approved the Open Society Foundation budget for 2006 on December 12, 2005. The 2006 budget was set at 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 50,000 to protect and increase the value of the foundation's assets, SKK 200,000 to promote NOS – OSF activities, SKK 6,890,000 for NOS – OSF's operation, SKK 300,000 to remunerate the foundation's administrator, SKK 60,000 travel reimbursement and SKK 2,000,000 for wages.

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

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| 1. | SKK 36,682,093.69 | Open Society Institute, Bundesplatz, 16, CH – 6304 Zürich, Switzerland Private Non-Investment Fund in Switzerland and the USA |
| 2. | SKK 277,290,000.00 | Ch. S. Mott Foundation, Flint, MI, USA |
| 3. | SKK 204,470,000.00 | Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe, Washington D.C., USA |
| 4. | SKK 1,003,748.00 | The World Bank |
| 5. | SKK 1,000,000.00 | Slovak Government Office, Bratislava |
| 6. | SKK 50,000.00 | Siemens Bratislava |
| 7. | SKK 251,400.00 | British Council in Slovakia, Bratislava |
| 8. | SKK 30,186.00 | House of Europe |
| 9. | SKK 51,239.00 | HMC Project in Central and Eastern Europe, Cambridge |
| 10. | SKK 654,920.40 | Various contributions from individuals and legal entities for activities organized by NOS–OSF |
| 11. | SKK 1,129,946.90 | Income for services |
| 12. | SKK 27,962.87 | Received interest rates from the foundation's accounts |
| 13. | SKK 1,410.00 | Revenues from the sales of assets |
| 14. | SKK 207,000.00 | Income from asset rental |
| 15. | SKK 674,656.00 | Funds from 2% direct tax allocation scheme |
| 16. | SKK 379,379.61 | Returns from various grants |
| | SKK 46,961,542.47 | Total Revenues |

Balance of Assets, Flow of Assets and Liabilities

| Assets in SKK Acquisition Prices: | as at January 1, 2006 | as at December 31, 2006 |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Software | 1,786,243.10 | 1,786,243.10 |
| 2. Small and short term intangible assets | 172,876.55 | 172,876.55 |
| 3. Real-estate, buildings | 6,373,477.08 | 6,373,477.08 |
| 4. Technical equipment | 9,406,607.16 | 9,062,340.86 |
| 5. Motor vehicles | 547,300.00 | 1,146,300.00 |
| 6. Small and short term tangible assets | 2,129,382.55 | 2,129,382.55 |
| 7. Land | 445,721.20 | 445,721.20 |
| 8. Cash | 6,907,140.73 | 2,542,148.40 |
| 9. Financial investments | 12,844,491.76 | 15,485,490.72 |
| 10. Receivables | 24,384,667.24 | 23,813,013.48 |
| 11. Future cost estimate | 930,974.91 | 789,824.54 |
| TOTAL | 65,928,882.28 | 63,746,818.48 |

Tangible Fixed Assets in SKK after Depreciation:

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|---|--|----------------------|
| 1. Software | | 1,771,349.10 |
| 2. Small and short term intangible assets | | 172,876.55 |
| 3. Building depreciation | | 1736,318,89.00 |
| 4. Technical equipment | | 8,666,059.23 |
| 5. Motor vehicle depreciation | | 559,779.00 |
| 6. Furniture | | 0 |
| 7. Small and short term tangible assets | | 2,129,382.55 |
| TOTAL DEPRECIATION: | | 15,035,765.32 |

Liabilities (in SKK)

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Liabilities to suppliers | 1,390,102.51 | 1,431,401.79 |
| 2. Other liabilities | 351,625.00 | 211,912.90 |
| 3. Payable grants | 20,272,377.43 | 18,412,107.06 |
| 4. Liabilities to employees | 137,197.21 | 623,226.71 |
| 5. Liabilities to insurance companies | 896.00 | 143,194.00 |
| 6. Slovak tax liabilities | 64,502.50 | |
| 7. Other liabilities | 3,627,777.15 | 3,063,368.99 |
| 8. Basic equity | 2,900,427.08 | 2,900,427.08 |
| 9. Foundation's equity | 200,000.00 | 200,000.00 |
| TOTAL | 28,880,402.38 | 27,050,014.03 |

Total Foundation Expenditures in 2006 Divided by Activity in SKK

| 2006 Program Costs | Program Costs in SKK |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Education | 4,481,413.96 |
| International cooperation | 2,047,084.58 |
| Public health | 3,190,356.64 |
| Media programs | 953,688.47 |
| Good governance | 14,939,257.68 |
| Roma | 10,906,307.68 |
| Women | 3,014,528.00 |
| TOTAL | 39,532,637.19 |

Administrative Costs (in SKK)

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| Total costs: | 49,830,471.17 |
| Of which | |
| - administrative costs, excluding program staff wages: | 32,905,051.72 |
| - administrative costs including program staff wages: | 16,925,419.45 |
| Administrative costs: | |
| - property protection | 35,036.00 |
| - promotion | 149,880.10 |
| - travel costs | 103,735.00 |
| - wages | 5,819,051.00 |

Remuneration for discharging the function of the foundation administrator or any other body set forth in the Foundation Charter

NOS – OSF bodies established by the Foundation Charter:

Administrator

The administrator's 2006 remuneration was SKK 25,000,000 per month or SKK 300,000 per annum.

Board of Trustees

NOS-OSF's Board of Trustees and its chairman obtained no financial or non-financial remuneration for their work as board members.

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 any 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 Charter in 2006.

Overview of Foundation Fund Activities and Monies in the Foundation Funds

Pursuant to act no. 34/2002 on foundations, NOS-OSF did not establish or own any foundation fund in 2006.

Changes to Foundation Charter in 2006

Pursuant to act no. 34/2002 on foundations, NOS-OSF amended the Foundation Charter in 2006 to reflect the change of members of the Board of Trustees.

Changes in Structure of Foundation Bodies in 2006

The Foundation Charter stipulates the following structure of the foundation bodies:

NOS – OSF Administrator

The foundation's administrator and executive director in 2006 was **Alena Pániková**.

NOS – OSF Board of Trustees

NOS-OSF's Board of Trustees has the following six members:

Name:

Eugen JURZYCA, INEKO, Bratislava
Grigorij MESEŽNIKOV, Institute for Public Affairs, Bratislava
Martin BARTO, Slovak National Bank, Bratislava
Katarína VAJDOVÁ, Civil Society Development Foundation, Bratislava
Zuzana KUŠOVÁ, Mayer/Mccann-Erickson, Bratislava
Milan VAJDA, Bratislava City Council

Position:

member
vice chairman
member
chairwoman
member
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.

2006 Council of Elders:

Rudolf Chmel
Martin Bútora
László Szigeti
Pavel Demeš
Štafan Markuš
Lev Bukovský
Iveta Radičová
Mária Zelenáková

Transparent Use of Financial Funds

The Open Society Foundation is by law required to have its accounts audited (act no. 34/2002 on foundations and civil code as amended). The audit results are public.

Slovakia's EU entry brought new administrative processes necessary for complying with EU legislation. One of the requirements is the application of new accounting regulations ensuring the comparability of final accounts regardless of the location of the subject's registered office. To achieve this, the EU passed legislation introducing International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). These standards are drafted by the independent International Accounting Standards Board. In addition to general audit, NOS-OSF also prepares accounts according to the above-mentioned standards, which makes it more transparent and trustworthy for international donors.

Ethical Code

The ethical code represents a set of rules that express the basic values of NOS-OSF's organizational culture and vision. The ethical code is binding for all members of the Board of Trustees, the Board of Elders, expert committees and foundation

employees. The ethical code is an integral part of the foundation's organizational procedures and it is a public document. Breaching the ethical code can lead to expulsion of the member from the Board of Trustees, Board of Elders, expert committees or to the termination of employment.

The Open Society Foundation is an independent, nonpartisan institution that upholds the notion that an open society is the basis of democracy. NOS-OSF carries out its activities for the public benefit and pursuant to applicable legal regulations.

Open Society

On a philosophical level the open society concept is based on the idea that human understanding is imperfect and that nobody holds the ultimate truth. On a practical level the open society is characterized by the rule of law, respect for human rights, minorities and minority opinions, the division of power and the market economy.

Each and every NOS-OSF employee must be loyal to open society principles, develop due care and act in such a manner to avoid jeopardizing the foundation's good reputation. Another NOS-OSF work requirement is the effort to promote the foundation's goals, work respectfully, and adhering to the team spirit of the foundation. Work on the Board of Trustees, Board of Elders and expert committees is based on high profile of the members, a particular person's association with an institution or profession or certain elements in society with which the foundation wishes to cooperate in implementing its programs.

Independence

Even though the foundation welcomes government cooperation, since this can facilitate the foundation's programs and this support increases the impact of the foundation's work, the Board of Trustees must oversee these relations to ensure they do not interfere with the foundation's independence. The foundation needs to preserve its freedom to support programs that may precipitate government criticism, such as support for media independence and diversity, programs fighting corruption and efforts in the field of human rights, etc. The principle of independence must also be applied in partnerships and co-financing.

Impartiality

Even though promoting principles of open society can be considered apolitical in the broadest sense of the word, it is important for the foundation to be impartial and to create an impression of objectivity. This requirement prevents us from employing persons publicly associated or identified with a political party or direct members of a political group.

Conflict of Interest

Supporting open society principles requires support opportunities be equally available to all individuals in the country and not limited, or partially limited to a closed group. The basic principle for the NOS-OSF employee is to declare each real and/or potential conflict of interest. A "real conflict of interest" is understood as a material interest in programs supported by the foundation or family relations/bonds with the organization that is the subject of the decision-making process. The same applies to purchasing of goods or services. A "potential conflict of interests" includes all situations and circumstances when the impression may arise that NOS-OSF employees mutually encourage each other's interests, even though there is no real conflict of interest.

The decision-making bodies need to be composed or predominantly composed of individuals with no personal and/or material interests in the programs supported by the foundation. In exceptional cases, when decision-making bodies want to support a project where one of its members has a material interest, they must ask a superior body for final approval. In practice this means that the expert committee needs to ask the Board of Trustees, which then consults the Open Society Institute for the final decision. If the decision-making body takes a decision, it should attach a justification and recommendation to the project. In the event that OSI decides to financially support the given program, the awarded amount can be deducted from the foundation's allocation. Such a decision comes under the jurisdiction of OSI.

Members of the decision-making bodies commit themselves to act in line with the Ethical Code, which they confirm by signing the document. The rules for expert committees/Board of Trustees can be adjusted as needed by individual programs. However, they must contain at least the following provisions:

- a) all information about the project is confidential and cannot be published before its implementation;
- b) expert committee (EC) or Board of Trustees (BT) members need to preserve and protect the foundation's good reputation;
- c) there must be no conflict of interests, while a conflict of interests is understood as follows:

- If the EC/BT cannot remain impartial and objective in evaluating and assessing a submitted project because the decision needs to be taken amidst his/her personal interest and the interest of the foundation (real conflict of interests);
 - If the EC/BT member or his/her relative, close friend or a business partner has a financial interest in awarding the grant or signing the contract or in decision making in the public procurement of the foundation (real conflict of interests);
 - If the EC/BT member or his/her relative, close friend or a business partner is in financial partnership with the grant applicant or is its potential contractor or ends up in other types of conflict situations related to his/her loyalty with the foundation that can influence the foundation's decision-making. This is also applicable in the case when no personal financial profit for the EC/BT member from the financial grant is at stake (real conflict of interests);
 - If an EC/BT member is associated in public with the submitted project/institution and an impression may arise that he/she supports his/her personal interests (potential conflict of interests), it is up to the consciousness of the individual EC/BT members to admit their partiality, involvement and real or potential conflict of interests. If, in spite of previously taken measures (selection of committee members) a conflict of interests situation arises, the following measures shall be taken:
 - in the case of direct involvement/partiality, i.e. a real conflict of interests the member is excluded from discussion about the project and from the project in general, together with a recommendation that must be approved by a higher level body,
 - in the event of indirect involvement/partiality, i.e. a potential conflict of interest (e.g. project supervisor) the committee member explains his/her position to the committee that decides on his/her participation in the discussion.
- d) if the EC/BT member breaches any of the above points, he/she can be excluded from the EC/BT based on a proposal by the program manager/coordinator or other EC/BT member.

Transparency and Equality of Opportunity

The open society principle is also promoted in the grant-making process so that granting methods and rules are as objective and transparent as possible, in compliance with the applicable norms and ensure the potential grant applicants have equal conditions for their grant applications. Granting principles are part of the Negotiation and File Procedures, II. part "Awarding Grants-Grant Management." Employees make due effort to observe these principles.

This ethical code is updated at bi-annual intervals and is approved by the Board of Trustees.