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## Annual Report for the year 2005

*The Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE Trust), established in 2000, supports the development of civil society in Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia. The principal focus of its work is to help build a sustainable and vibrant nonprofit sector.*

*The CEE Trust represents the shared values of the founding foundations that include: the Atlantic Philanthropies, the German Marshall Fund of the United States, the Ford Foundation, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, Open Society Institute, and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. As of December 2005, these foundations committed \$64.59 million to the CEE Trust.*

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## Letter from the Chair



The year 2005 was a year of transition and change for the Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe. The considerable retooling that the CEE Trust undertook in 2005, including the arrival of Rayna Gavrilova as executive director and the opening of a new office in Sofia, Bulgaria, has positioned the organization to make a significant impact in 2006 and beyond.

Since the founding of the CEE Trust in 2000, five of the seven countries the CEE Trust operates in have joined the European Union. Romania and Bulgaria are expected to become EU members in 2007. The enlargement of the European Union to include all of these countries is symbolic of the deep transformation that continues to define this part of Europe. Since the uncertain days of the early 1990s, we have seen a fundamental shift in the political landscape of Central and Eastern Europe, and, for the seven countries in which the CEE Trust operates, we have witnessed the irreversible establishment of democracy. However, democracy is an evolving and imperfect political system, and the region's impressive transformation is not without its gaps and inadequacies. Civil society remains fragile region wide and the assistance and stability provided by the European Union does not adequately assist in the tremendously important work of civic activists, watch-dog organizations, and independent public policy institutes.

The new strategy for the CEE Trust, endorsed by the Board of Trustees last year, is one in which the CEE Trust endeavors to be more flexible and responsive to the changing needs in the region and to fund innovative schemes that respond to the persistent societal gaps that are not closing even after countries join the EU. The CEE Trust has already begun a significant new round of grant-making – including Romania for the first time – and we are excited about the variety of projects, both small and large, that both respond to the local needs in each country and strengthen the core institutions and civic habits throughout the region.

We envision the CEE Trust that is a catalyst both in the region and more widely in support of its vision of a strong, vibrant civil society. The coming year is an exciting one, and we have great expectations for ourselves and for the partners and grantees we will be working closely with to achieve our mutual aims.

Philip Henderson  
*Chair of the Board*

## Executive Director's Letter

2005 was a year of changes for the Trust for Civil Society in Central & Eastern Europe. Starting with the adoption of a new strategic framework and ending with a new director, 50%% renewal of the staff and moving the main office to Sofia, this was a period when the organization had to undergo the transformation without putting in jeopardy the successful implementation of its vast program running in all seven countries: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia. Well into 2006 the staff of the CEE Trust could report with confidence that the task of changing the organization while maintaining its commitments has turned from a one time challenge into part of its identity. One of the unforeseen results of the strategic review and the adoption of the new strategic framework was the transformation of the CEE Trust into a learning organization.

If I was to choose one word which defines the private charities as contrasted to the public support programs I'd be very tempted to use the word *flexibility*. It would imply the readiness to accept the fact that the social world often changes faster than our anticipations and never lends itself obediently even to the best designed action plan. Flexibility means preparedness to create, amend or preserve the mechanisms, which are most appropriate to deal with the pressure to respond to change and at the same time readiness to support sustainability and gradual build-up.

Flexibility of course is just one aspect defining the work of the CEE Trust. We should certainly add a few more key words that will mean a lot to those who have been involved in its work before and at the same time will present a concise and clear picture of the organization to its new partners:

- extensive communication, deliberations and dialogue;
- broader and inclusive understanding of what civil society is and is about;
- mission-driven planning and grant-making;
- acute awareness of the specific and the global problems as seen in the region;
- unique regional approach.

The list could go on but I'd suggest to the reader to use it as a reading glass when perusing the contents of this Annual Report. The meetings and conferences, the cross-border initiatives, the national programs acquire their meaning and value only seen as part of a flexible yet clear and strong strategy. And one last word - as ambitious and hard-working as our staff could be, the CEE Trust is and can aspire to be only a hub, a resource. The real work, the real change, the real civil society are our partners, present and future, who are facing day after day the challenge to prove that liberal participatory democracy is still the best social and political system ever invented.

Rayna Gavrilova  
*Executive Director*

## **Bulgaria**

The Bulgarian CEE Trust program was launched in 2004 and actively implemented in 2005 to support the initiatives listed below. Grants were awarded to NGO coalitions that united to implement the following:

### 1) Strengthen the role of the nonprofit sector in the public policy process on national and local levels

Partners: Open Society Institute-Sofia and Green Balkans Federation of Nature Conservation NGOs

This initiative is a civil society project led by the Open Society Institute (OSI) in Sofia. For the first six months the project focused on the consolidation of the Bulgarian NGO sector, the improvement of its image and its communication with the other sectors such as public sector, business, the media, etc.

In order to implement the CEE Trust program, OSI facilitated the formulation of five civil society platforms called "families" that address key thematic areas such as social policy, regional/local development, human rights, environmental protection and media. Green Balkans also played a critical role in managing the project called: "Development of Civil Society in Border Areas through Establishment of an NGO Network for Advocacy". The project aims to:

- Develop local and national instruments that allow NGOs to participate in the decision-making process and formulation of local and national policy;
- Establish a broad regional coalition to provide advocacy, expert assistance, legal and media support to combat illegal policies, corruption and anti-democracy practices among local and regional authorities.

The results are impressive. Green Balkans' advocacy campaigns led to major amendments in Bulgarian legislation including the Ombudsman and National Forest Administration Acts. In addition, an NGO coalition was formed to assist anti-corruption investigations, actively engage civil society actors and attract significant media coverage. The success of these advocacy campaigns and coalitions are strong indicators of increasing citizen intolerance to widespread corruption and provide an essential mechanism for uniting the third sector to address issues jointly and with one voice.

### 2) Increase the level of domestic resources available to NGOs

Partners: Bulgarian Charities Aid Foundation (BCAF) together with the Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law (BCNL)

The focus of the first year of this project was to conduct in-depth planning and research of the factors influencing positive attitude changes towards charitable giving and the NGO sector. The results include preparation of a governance survey, recommendations for the legal improvements and a clearer role of the Central Registry as well as a completion of BCAF study called the "Optimistic Look at NGOs and Domestic Resources' training and grant program". BCNL also conducted a sociological survey on NGO governance practices in Bulgaria and a review of the Bulgarian philanthropy development.

### 3) Strengthen NGO capacity to access alternative sources of support

Partner: Workshop for Civic Initiatives Foundation (WCIF)

The goal of this project is to build and strengthen the capacity of the Bulgarian NGO sector to reach programmatic and financial sustainability.

WCIF activities included training and consultancy, implementation of a capacity building fund and support for professional development, that provided training to many NGOs on topics related to fundraising and local resource mobilization.

In addition to its program activities, WCIF provided a professional development and career advancement programs for NGO professionals (i.e., Training for Forum Theatre Facilitators, 3<sup>rd</sup> Forum of Civil Society Organizations, Governance Training).

## **Czech Republic**

Since 2002, the Czech Republic CEE Trust Program has made a unique contribution to the development of the NGO sector through its focus on systemic changes and long-term impact. The VIA Foundation has been the CEE Trust primary Czech partner and has made a significant contribution towards strengthening democratic society in the Czech Republic. CEE Trust has funded VIA's programs that focus on creating a favorable legislative climate for NGOs, building the capacity of the NGO sector, developing new sources of financial support, and providing institutional support to key organizations.

Over the years, the VIA and its partners focused on programs that laid solid foundations for future development of the third sector. As a result of its focus on long term impact, VIA attracted a long list of supporters that includes: Civil Society Development Foundation, Czech Donors' Forum, Czech Environmental Partnership Foundation, Jan Hus Educational Foundation, and Open Society Fund Prague.

The CEE Trust program, with guidance and experience from VIA, strengthened the capacity of a wide range of Czech NGOs to help develop mission driven strategic planning, maintaining relevance to the societies they serve as well as achieving organizational stability. VIA made a careful selection of a wide variety of strategic NGOs capable of playing a crucial role in the development of a well-functioning and sustainable civil society and NGO sector in the Czech Republic. The supported organizations and techniques these organizations received serve as best practice examples and role models to help others create vibrant civil societies further afield.

As the CEE Trust approaches the completion of its program in the Czech Republic, emphasis has been placed on finalizing important program components such as:

- Creating a favorable legislative, fiscal and philanthropic environment for NGOs and civil society at large;
- Creating a favorable environment for advocacy and public policy;
- Institutional support for selected strategic NGOs;
- Development of infrastructure for NGO and civic engagement;
- Supporting regions (developing model regional/community projects);
- Expanding resources (EU, corporate and individual).

## Hungary

Since 2003 the Hungarian CEE Trust program has been managed by the three partner organizations listed below.

- Hungarian Environmental Partnership Foundation (HEPF);
- Civil Society Development Foundation (CSDF);
- Soros Foundation Hungary (SFH).

The Hungarian Environmental Partnership Foundation 2005 program focused on two main areas:

- Implementing the Civic Vision concept – a comprehensive legal reform proposal targeted towards decision and policy makers;
- Researching and monitoring administrative and court practices as well as producing a comparative survey that tests NGO registration court practices.

The Civil Society Development Foundation is implementing several projects that include:

- A wide-scale dissemination program to prepare and train NGOs in EU project development and proposal writing in partnership with the Department of Civil Liaisons in the Ministry of Youth, Family and Social Affairs;
- The adoption of a quality assurance system that resulted in an agreement with the Charities Evaluation Services regarding the Hungary's introduction of the PQASSO system (a quality assurance system that has been designed specifically for small and medium voluntary sector organizations);
- Management of the 10<sup>th</sup> CEE Fundraising Workshop in cooperation with the Resource Alliance;
- A second grant round of its Institutional Grant Program and the Loan program.

The operation of Soros Foundation Hungary will come to an end in 2007. Therefore, SFH currently focuses on the close out activities, and did not start new programs in 2005.

This fact was not an obstacle for SFH to continue the careful implementation of the CEE Trust Program in 2005. The experiences showed that SFH original goals were right and relevant; the identified challenges were present further. The strategy selected by SFH was also well defined; strengthening key players of the sector can be one of the solutions to reach the program goals.

By July 2005 SFH announced and contracted all of the available grants for NGOs by successfully implementing the second round of the Institutional Grants Program. It provided grants for 30 organizations. SFH also continued its loan program with the cooperation of Business Basics Foundation.

As the Hungarian program of the CEE Trust nears completion, the evaluation reveals that many results were achieved. These accomplishments include development of the legal, fiscal and political structures needed to support healthy civil society. The evaluation findings also showed an increase in NGO cooperation as well as cross-sector partnerships.



## **Poland**

The CEE Trust Polish program has been managed by the Stefan Batory Foundation (the "SBF") since its inception in 2003. 2005 was the second full year of the CEE Trust program implementation. The SBF continued its activity within the framework of the CEE Trust award aiming at the stabilization of the environment for Polish NGOs.

The program implemented by the SBF includes four modules:

1. Building an NGO-friendly social and legal environment; implemented in alliance with the Institute of Public Affairs (IPA), Klon/Jawor Association, and the WRZOS Association;
2. Partnership for the Third Sector; implemented in alliance with the Foundation in Support of Local Democracy (FSLD) and the SPLOT of NGO Resource Centres;
3. Promoting new models of funding community initiatives; implemented in alliance with the Academy for the Development of Philanthropy in Poland (ARF) and the Polish Environmental Partnership Foundation (PEPF);
4. Building institutional and financial stability in key organizations.

Within the first module the SBF supports the work of organizations engaged in research, drafting long-term strategies for the sector, monitoring legal and tax regulations, and undertaking advocacy efforts.

In the second module of the project SPLOT and FRDL completed their 2-year projects aimed at: promoting provisions of the Law on Public Benefit and Voluntary Work, setting clear rules of cooperation between local governments and NGOs, ensuring access to the EU structural funds and building sector representation that could act as a partner for public administration in processes of policy development. The list of final results is really impressive. It includes thousands of people that benefited from or participated in project activities, various publications distributed in printed and electronic formats, dozens of programs of cooperation between NGOs and local government in almost all regions of Poland (developed at the initiative and with the support of FSLD and SPLOT, trainings and conferences, new NGO representations established and strengthened within the project.

The third module is focused on strengthening selected models of financing community initiatives, where non-governmental organizations work with local authorities, businesses and private donors in order to build a stable funding system.

Within 2005 both partner organizations selected by the SBF continued their work commenced in 2003 and aimed at the development and strengthening of two models of financing local initiatives: community foundations and partnership groups. Main forms of support included grants, trainings, consultations and other opportunities of sharing information and experience. Currently 20 community foundations and 17 partnership groups benefit from the program, but the actual number of beneficiaries – local communities in almost 40 areas - is much bigger and sums up to thousands.

## **Romania**

The CEE Trust did not establish a full scale grant program in Romania during 2005. The CEE Trust has monitored the Romanian non-profit sector as an ongoing activity and helped Romanian NGOs by providing information, referrals and additional support within the Cross-Border Initiative.

The CEE Trust awarded also one grant to the Association for Community Relations (ARC) in amount of 100,000 USD to support "All for one, one percent for all" campaign. The goal of the project was to organize a campaign aiming at increasing citizen and business participation in funding the non-profit sector by making effective use of the 1% provision of the Romanian fiscal code.

This provision raised a lot of interest among Romanian NGOs, but even the Romanian public authorities proved their commitment to the 1% legislation by offering financial and moral support to the public campaign.

There have been five main partners in the program making valuable contribution to its success: The American Chamber of Commerce, Civil Society Development Foundation, Romanian Donors Forum, Pro Vobis National Volunteers Center, and Prefectura Cluj.

### Objectives of the campaign have been:

1. Increase awareness of the provision at the level of taxpayers and employers;
2. Improve capacity of NGOs to make use of the 1% provision;
3. Evaluate the impact of the application after the first year.

Additionally in 2005, the CEE Trust operated in Romania mainly within the framework of the Cross-Border Initiative.

## **Slovakia**

The CEE Trust launched its program in Slovakia in 2001 and awarded grants to two consortia. The first consortium included the Open Society Foundation (OSF), the Jan Hus Educational Foundation (JHEF) and the Children of Slovakia Foundation (CSF). The second consortium was created by the Ekopolis Foundation and Centre for Philanthropy - ETP.

The Open Society Foundation project concluded in June 2005. A program evaluation revealed that the project was successful in reaching a wide variety of organizations. Activities were focused on changing the legal and fiscal environment as well as opening a debate among NGOs that encouraged joint advocacy activities aimed at preserving and strengthening the third sector. The OSF and its grantees also developed initiatives that encourage regular sharing of civil society sustainability experiences with national, regional and international partners.

The *Your Land in Slovakia* program has been led by Ekopolis Foundation for the last three years. The main focus of the grant went toward the NGO strengthening program with the remainder supporting advocacy groups active in pursuing systemic changes in the society. The Advocacy program focused on free access to information, justice, environmental protection, sustainable development and gender strengthening activities. The program also included a community foundation philanthropy development program and the Third Sector Advocacy project aimed at improving the legal and fiscal environment for the NGO sector.

In 2005, Ekopolis established a Fund for Active Citizens as an instrument for fulfilling the mission of Advocacy Program beyond the Program's immediate funding support. The Fund for Active Citizens is a flow-through fund which will support civic action from the funds at its disposal.

The Fund is also working to broaden citizen confidence and engagement in civil society as well as supporting grass-root public benefit initiatives. The Fund will also support watchdog activities, provide analysis and recommendations to key official policies and strengthen the voice of citizens in public discourse by providing access to decision-making and justice.

The CEE Trust's education/research initiatives as well as its grant activities made countless contributions to strengthening Slovakian NGO capacities, improving professional skills and creating opportunities for cross-sector cooperation. Over the years, funding was provided for NGOs to test new financial tools that led to greater third sector sustainability in the form of investment partnerships with the banking sector. With substantial support from the CEE Trust, Slovak NGOs also successfully introduced the corporate social responsibility concepts to Slovakia.

## **Slovenia**

The CEE Trust Slovenia program started in 2004. The main implementing partner is the Umanotera Foundation that received a three year grant in a total amount of \$924,200 that aims to meet four goals:

- supporting the existing process of developing the NGO sector;
- improving the image of NGOs in the media and the wider public;
- professionalizing the NGO sector with improved education and training;
- strengthening the financial sustainability of local and regional NGOs, especially through the community foundation concept.

The program worked to identify civil society strengthening activities needed to create a vibrant third sector and went on to provide funding for initiatives that NGOs identified as important growth areas in need of financial support.

Umanotera continued in 2005 its work within the framework of the CEE Trust-funded program, called: "Dobra druzba" ("Good society"). As part of this project Umanotera launched in 2004 a project intended to promote NGO success stories in the media and this project was the greatest success of the CEE Trust Program in 2005. The project was carried out in partnership with "Ona" ("She"), the women's supplement of the biggest newspaper publishing house "Delo". The project started with an invitation to NGOs to submit stories of their successes. The selection was made of three best stories for cash awards (\$3,000 each) and three for practical awards (books and a training scholarship in the total value of \$2,500). The awards were presented at a ceremony which took place in June at the Ljubljana Castle and was hosted by the Mayor of Ljubljana, Ms Danica Simsic. Following the event, all of the winning best practices were published in the Ona supplement of Delo, in 6 consecutive issues in June and July. In addition to the media exposure of the successful NGO stories, Umanotera also mobilised the co-funding for the project from partners to the estimated value of \$ 13,500; this compares well with the CEE Trust investment of about \$19,500.

Following the success in 2005 the project is continued in 2006, with a promise to become a traditional event.

## **The CEE Trust Cross-Border Initiative**

The CEE Trust is one of the few foundations that includes a cross-border emphasis in its grant-making approach and encourages joint initiatives involving partnerships with other CEE countries.

The CEE Trust Cross-Border Initiative focuses on supporting activities that address shared regional issues while raising international awareness of cross-border concerns. These projects focus on improving the legislative environment, promoting best practices that shorten learning curves, providing public policy recommendations and promoting dialogue between NGOs that are active internationally. Most importantly, these cross-border initiatives ensure a sustained presence of strong, regionally engaged civil society actors and builds the region's leadership, institutions, and policies.

The depth and strength of the third sector in Central and Eastern European countries varies greatly. Bulgaria, Slovakia and Poland are regarded as positive examples where civil society plays an active and visible role in the democratic process. The CEE Trust's Cross-Border initiative strives to level the playing field and address the uneven landscape of regional civil society activity in CEE by encouraging regional learning, networking and mentoring.

Effective cross-border initiatives also help CEE transition countries face a countless list of common issues. Civil society-led initiatives are often best equipped to offer effective knowledge transfer across borders. Several assessments as well as experience show that cross-border initiatives are playing a significant role in civil society development and democratization in the region. Linking regional civil society leaders and organizations allow for consolidation of common regional issues such as philanthropic development, promoting free access to information, protecting ethnic minorities' rights and advancing free and fair elections.

Creating regional civil society initiatives also achieves economies of scale. By pooling resources such as independent analysis, advocates and activists, cross-border efforts gain pro-reform, pro-transition momentum. Cross-border partnerships also raise the visibility of important regional issues among the international community as well as build strength in numbers. Advocacy efforts of one NGO in a single country are more easily ignored by governments or media, but attract more attention when raised at an international level in conjunction with partners from another CEE country.

Throughout 2005, the majority of the grants awarded within the CEE Trust Cross-Border initiative generated important regional projects such as Seminar on EU Structural Funds organized by Civil Society Development Foundation (CSDF), the Bosch Foundation's fellowship program, the Partnership Brokers Accreditation Project organized by the Polish Environmental Partnership Foundation. Projects such as these and other listed in the grants section create networks among the region's emerging political leaders and civil society organizations, while shortening learning curves among transition democracies within the region.

**GRANTS AWARDED 2001 – 2005 (IN USD)**

<b>COUNTRY/ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>AMOUNT PAID IN 2005</b>
<b>BULGARIA</b>	<b>1 030 000</b>	
<i>Green Balkans</i>	<i>150 000</i>	
<i>WCIF</i>	<i>250 000</i>	
<i>OSI – S</i>	<i>350 000</i>	
<i>BCAF</i>	<i>280 000</i>	
<b>ROMANIA</b>	<b>114 244</b>	
<i>ARC</i>	<i>114 244</i>	<i>100 000</i>
<b>SLOVENIA</b>	<b>1 173 200</b>	
<i>Umanotera</i>	<i>1 003 200</i>	<i>313 000</i>
<i>CNVOS</i>	<i>50 000</i>	
<i>PIC</i>	<i>70 000</i>	
<i>SENT</i>	<i>50 000</i>	
<b>HUNGARY</b>	<b>4 177 970</b>	
<i>Soros Foundation Hungary</i>	<i>2 400 000</i>	<i>800 000</i>
<i>HEPF</i>	<i>866 587</i>	<i>225 000</i>
<i>CSDF</i>	<i>911 383</i>	
<i>CSDF Pfizer grant</i>	<i>200 000</i>	<i>60 000</i>
<b>POLAND</b>	<b>5 300 000</b>	
<i>Batory Foundation</i>	<i>5 300 000</i>	<i>1 500 000</i>
<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>	<b>3 498 000</b>	
<i>VIA</i>	<i>3 498 000</i>	
<b>SLOVAKIA</b>	<b>4 274 060</b>	
<i>Ekopolis</i>	<i>2 208 660</i>	<i>83 000</i>
<i>OSF</i>	<i>2 065 400</i>	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>19 567 474</b>	<b>3 081 000</b>

**CROSS BORDER INITIATIVE - GRANTS AWARDED IN 2005 (IN USD)**

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>PROJECT / EVENT</b>	<b>GRANT AMOUNT</b>
Romanian Donors' Forum	Conference organized by Centre Francois des Foundations	741
Civil Society Development Foundation	Conference on European Union Structural Funds	3 216
CEE Trust Initiative	Seminar on NGOs Governance and Board Development, Warsaw, April 13-16, 2005	7 330
Romanian Donors' Forum	Seminar on NGOs Governance and Board Development, Warsaw, April 13-16, 2005	410
Polish Donors Forum	Meetings of National Associations of Donors, Budapest June 3, 2005 and Kiev October 20-22, 2005	2 465
Slovak Donors Forum	Meeting of the five Donors Fora to discuss and prepare regional action plan on development of corporate philanthropy and corporate social responsibility by Donors Fora	2 551
Pontis Foundation	Conference on Sustainability of the Civil Society in Post-Accession ECA Region	10 000
European Foundation Centre	10 <sup>th</sup> annual Grantmakers East Group meeting, Kiev, October 20-22, 2005	10 000
Association for Community Relations	10th VEE Fundraising Workshop	2 141
Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH	International Fellowship Program for Central and Eastern European Foundations and NGOs	36 000
Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH	International Fellowship Program for Central and Eastern European Foundations and NGOs	18 002
Czech Donors Forum	CEENERGI - Central and Eastern European Network for Responsible Giving	96 000
Polish Environmental Partnership Foundation	Partnership Brokers Accreditation Project	16 000
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>204 856</b>

## PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS GRANT ACTIVITY IN 2005

### BULGARIA

#### Bulgarian Charities Aid Foundation (in USD)

Program Module	Amount
<p><b>Operative Fund</b>                      The Fund supports BCAF's training and capacity building program for NGOs and helps them build and maintain relationships with individual and corporate supporters. Training and customized consultations on NGO fundraising, marketing methods as well as other organizational development issues are complemented by an individual operative grant that meets each individual NGO fundraising plans and needs. In 2005 six small grants were made primarily to support promotional materials, web based marketing tools and fundraising events.</p>	3 428

### CZECH REPUBLIC

#### VIA Foundation (in USD)

Program Module	Amount
<p><b>Fostering a Favorable Legislative and Fiscal Environment:</b>                      - seminars on the newly prepared Civic Legal Code, support of the program "Civil law and the public benefit", supporting NGOs interest in the preparation of the Civic Legal Code and the Law on Public Benefit</p>	25 900
<p><b>Support for Institutional Development of NGOs:</b>                      - supporting programs that focus on creating a supportive philanthropic environment for non-anonymous individual donors, supporting the development of community foundations in the Czech Republic and monitoring of the environment for NGOs activities</p>	86 105
<p><b>Development of Professional and Consultancy Capacity of Czech NGOs:</b>                      - course on "Social Development Practice"</p>	14 440
<p><b>Strengthening Regional/Community Based Foundations, Recipients of Support from the Foundation Investment Fund:</b>                      - five challenge grants awarded</p>	78 125
<p><b>Development of Individual Giving and NGO Sustainability</b></p>	125



<b>Knowledge Fund “Blank Spots” Strengthening the Non-Profit Sector” – Second grant round:</b> - monitoring of the economic environment for NGOs, strengthening the credibility of the NGO sector, research on Czech associations, umbrella organizations within the non-profit sector, improving the quality of media coverage for non-profit activities and initiatives, etc.	45 430
<b>Grants to Partner Organizations:</b> - institutional support for Open Society Foundation, Prague	13 780
<b>Support for Institutional Development of NGOs:</b> - support for the development of the magazine “Konce konců”, formerly known as “Bariéry”	18 980
<b>Total:</b>	<b>282 885</b>

## HUNGARY

### Hungarian Environmental Partnership Foundation (in EUR)

Program Module	Amount
Testing and surveying the differences in administrative court practices of Hungarian NGO registration	5,800

### Soros Foundation Hungary (in USD)

Program Module	Amount
<b>Institutional grant program – round no. 2</b> Supporting 15 organizations to strengthen management, fundraising and income generation functions as well as funding for reserves and general operating costs.	816,500
<b>Institutional grant program – reserve funds</b> Granting reserve fund support to 15 NGOs. In addition to CEE Trust funds, Soros Foundation Hungary contributed \$149,730 from its own resources to this program for a total award of \$190,020	40,290
<b>Total:</b>	<b>856,790</b>

**SLOVEANIA****Umanotera (in USD)**

<b>Program Module</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Creating a Supportive Environment</b>	
Grant to the "Initiative for the Future of NGOs": regional workshops	5 120
Grant to the "Initiative for the Future of NGOs": web page	7 692
Grant to the "Initiative for the Future of NGOs" technical support: Initiative meetings	8 182
Promotion of NGO success stories: three grants to the competition winners	9 000
<b>Promoting Philanthropy</b>	
Grant to the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe for a project to promote philanthropy and improve NGOs' financial sustainability at local level	67 826
<b>Total:</b>	<b>97 820</b>

## **INFORMATION OF PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **BULGARIA**

#### **Bulgarian Charities Aid Foundation Partner Organization (2004-2006)**

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#### **Workshop for Civic Initiatives Foundation Partner Organization (2004-2006)**

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