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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

In 2008, citizens in Central and East European nations witnessed a series of troubling events. Economic uncertainty fed into political instability in the Czech Republic and Hungary; democratic institutions came under threat in Bulgaria and Romania; and nationalism and populist rhetoric became more prevalent in Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Bulgaria. Public opinion polls detected high levels of social fragmentation and a sense of disenfranchisement with the current political order. Such events and shifts in public opinion are a cause for concern, and we at the CEE Trust have been actively working to counteract these trends.

Grantmaking was the central focus of our work in the seven countries of operation -- Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia. Our grants provided key assistance to nongovernmental organizations, academic bodies, research institutions, journalists, and various issues-based coalitions working toward developing a civil society. The call for proposals in October 2007 led to 167 grants and fellowships, and in October 2008 we initiated a fresh call for proposals on four issues areas affecting Bulgaria, Romania, and Slovakia -- accountability of public institutions; civic engagement and community mobilization; social solidarity; and support for civil society. Civic engagement was a popular topic, receiving the most submissions and, subsequently, the most grants. In Poland, we awarded grants based on the theme "The Agenda for the Modern Society." Grantees created programs promoting civic engagement, and they encouraged citizens to play an active role in shaping their future. In reaction to reports of corruption in Hungary, we awarded grants to organizations that involved civil society in the fight against corruption and the promotion of transparency.

The Trust also recognized that the thematic challenges of today cannot be achieved by one organization or country acting alone. Regional cooperation is essential to the continued success of our work, and the Trust awarded eight grants in support of this theme. In the coming year, we look forward to hosting our Civil Society Forum, to be held from September 16–18, 2009, in Bratislava, Slovakia. The Forum will serve as a platform for reflection on the post-communist reality in the Central and East European nations, and an open discussion among key stakeholders about the path ahead.

Finally, we at the Trust thank our former board members, Ivan Krastev and Michael Edwards, for their tremendous work and guidance. We also thank Czeslaw Walek, our former Program Director for Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic, for his service while at the CEE Trust. We wish you all the best in your next endeavors.

The coming year will bring many challenges for the societies of Central and Eastern Europe, and we at the Trust look forward to providing the tools to overcome these obstacles.

Heike MacKerron
Chair of the Board of Trustees
Senior Director for Europe
The German Marshall Fund of the United States

THE CEE TRUST IN 2008

Rayna Gavrilova
Executive Director

2008 was another year of changes for the Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe. True to our strategy to listen carefully to the voices of civil society we tried to be flexible yet firm in our mission; responsive to the needs, yet careful stewards of the funds entrusted to our management.

OUR GRANT-MAKING ACTIVITIES

As the termination of our existence does not look so distant the Board and Staff of the CEE Trust have started carefully preparing our plans and re-shaping our approaches. We have retained the four main areas of potential social improvement where, according to general consensus, positive change is badly needed: 1) accountability of public institutions; 2) civic participation and community mobilization; 3) solidarity in social life; 4) supportive environment for civil society. At the same time after consultations with advisors and other donors we have started gradually narrowing our focus in some countries in order to provide a better targeted and more substantial support. In other countries we have changed our approach in identifying relevant projects as well as the type of support provided.

The most popular mode of soliciting project ideas in 2008 remained the **open call for proposals**. It was opened in October 2007 in six countries (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia) and elicited 840 proposals. In 2008 103 of them received financial support. In October 2008 the CEE Trust announced, for the first time, a diversified and country-specific Call for Proposals:

- in Bulgaria and Romania the call followed the model of previous years;
- in Hungary all four priorities were open but emphasis was placed on innovative ideas on how to oppose and fight corruption;
- in Slovakia we solicited project ideas in all areas with priority given to projects addressing public accountability especially on the local and regional level, strengthening investigative journalism and watch dog activities.
- in Poland the CEE Trust announced a thematic call – “Agenda for Modern Societies”- with the emphasis on cross-sectoral cooperation.

In parallel with the procedures of the open call there was a visible increase in the number of projects developed and awarded **out of the call** in a pro-active manner and in intense discussion with the potential grantees. These were mostly projects addressing new challenges and/or opportunities that cannot await the longer cycle of the call. Another group represented requests for long-term strategic support: programs, which require more time and consistent efforts to bear results; plans for institutional reform or development, etc.

In addition to the national grants the CEE Trust maintained the small, permanently open regional program called the **Cross-Border Initiative** aimed at providing support for civil society organizations to establish partnerships in other CEE countries and to develop joint projects. In 2008 the Trust awarded 8 regional grants to the total amount of \$ 155,770.

Another special grant-making mechanism of the CEE Trust was the Fellowships Program, which supported the growth of a new generation of civic leaders in CEE countries through providing assistance to committed individuals, enabling them to pursue existing opportunities for in-service training and experiential learning.

The CEE Trust is hosting also the USAID-Bulgaria and Charles Stewart Mott Foundation sponsored **Bulgaria Community Foundations Development Fund** (July 2006 – June 2009), established with the objective to strengthen local philanthropy by enhancing the growth of community foundations in Bulgaria and helping them become effective grantmakers. In 2008, the CEE Trust disbursed 7 matching grants to Bulgarian community foundations in total amount of \$177,116 within the project funded by USAID and Mott Foundation that will conclude in June 2009. The local cost-share of the community foundations to the funded projects was \$ 371,601.

MONITORING AND EVALUATING

The CEE Trust has adopted a policy of **monitoring** all supported projects. The monitoring is the task of the Program Directors and includes different activities. The submission of an interim report is the condition for the release of each new allocation for every project above \$50,000. The Directors stay in regular contact with the staff of the supported organization; we expect and have included relevant text in the contract that we would like to be informed about their forthcoming public events and receive a copy of their publications and materials (we do not comment on them in any way). Each director visits at least once the supported organization. We perceive these meetings not only as an instrument for monitoring but as a great opportunity to meet people and learn. It is worth noting that in more than one case, especially in smaller localities, we have been the first 'live' donor to visit the organizations and the Program Directors unanimously feel that the visits are perceived not as an expression of distrust but, on the contrary, as sign of respect and interest in their work and opportunity to talk directly to the donor about their problems, expectations and successes.

In 2008 we started commissioning random **evaluations** and audits of a few organizations in each country. We have selected big projects or projects with a certain degree of uncertainty. We received in 2008 the results of 4 evaluations in the Czech Republic (one performance, 3 audits), 3 in Hungary (1 performance, 2 audits), 5 performance evaluations in Poland (3 of them including financial audit), 4 evaluations in Romania (performance and financial aspects), and 1 performance evaluation in Slovakia. There are a few ongoing and planned evaluations in Bulgaria, Poland and Romania. As the Community Foundations in Bulgaria project approached its final year, the CEE Trust commissioned an external evaluation that was conducted in March 2008. The evaluations as a whole proved to be an excellent tool both for the organizations and for the CEE Trust staff. The external evaluators reviewed thoroughly the logic of the projects, the relevance of activities of the goals, the outcomes where identifiable, and made very useful recommendations.

COMMUNICATION, COOPERATION AND CONVENING

Aware of the growing role of **communication** for the very essence of our work in 2008 we made significant efforts to improve. We redesigned our website completely - www.ceetrust.org - to make it more informative, user-friendly and open. We publish

information on how to apply and what we support but also news from our grantees and from the civil society in the region and at large. We have invited our partners to publish their information and provide links. We publish regularly all the announcement for support for NGO's that reach us. Thereby we strive to become a 'clearing house', serving the civil society in the region. We use Google Analytics to analyze the interest and the visitors to the website by country, city, path to reach us, pages they read, etc). For the Civil Society Forum we have created a mailing list of 3000 names and have started mailing a newsletter.

The staff of the CEE Trust is a very open and reliable **partner**. We are in regular communication and exchange of information with most of the donors in the region – C.S. Mott Foundation, Open Society Institute, German Marshall Fund, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, King Baudouin Foundation, European Cultural Foundation, Bertelsmann Foundation, Bosch Foundation, Koerber Foundation and others. We are in constant contact with the other two trusts – the Balkan Trust for Democracy and the Black Sea Trust. On occasions we support different aspects of the same projects. The Program Directors in each country have established communications with the staff of most Embassies, which carry some kind of grant-making. Most of them have good relations within the bodies, running the EU programs. The ED Rayna Gavrilova is a member of the International Committee of the Council of Foundations, USA; she proposed a session for the Annual meeting of CoF in Washington in 2008 and moderated it; she is a member of the Capacity Building committee of the European Foundation Center and moderated two sessions during the General Assembly in Istanbul in the same year. Two of the Program Directors, Czeslaw Walek and Lidia Kolucka-Zuk proposed sessions for the Annual meeting of the EFC in Rome in 2009. Lidia Kolucka-Zuk is member of the Steering Committee of the Grant-makers East Forum; she proposed and organized one of the plenary sessions during the Annual meeting in October 2008 in Dubrovnik. Last year we published 3 articles in the European newsletter Effect and Alliance. The CEE Trust is an observing member in most of the Donors Fora in our countries.

The staff of the CEE Trust believes that we have established decent mechanisms to fulfill our primary mission and in 2008 we started considering what else we can do to maximize the effect of our resources. Taking into consideration the upcoming 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, which seems the right moment for critical discussion about the state of civil society now and the way ahead, we started working on a big initiative, called the Civil Society Forum www.csf.ceetrust.org to be held in Bratislava in September 2009.

LIST OF GRANTS

In 2008, the CEE Trust awarded a total of 167 grants and fellowships identified through the open call for proposals in October 2007 and through pro-active encouragement of strategic initiatives.

- Bulgaria – 33 grants to the total amount of \$ 2,170,497
- Czech Republic – 19 grants to the total amount of \$ 2,072,000
- Hungary - 14 grants to the total amount of \$ 1,212,000
- Poland - 21 grants to the total amount of \$ 2,185,360
- Romania - 30 grants to the total amount of \$ 2,061,446
- Slovakia - 12 grants to the total amount of \$ 449,000
- Slovenia - 5 grants to the total amount of \$ 353,433

7 matching grants within the Community Foundations in Bulgaria Project to the total amount of \$ 177,116, and 18 Fellowships to emerging leaders from CEE countries to the total amount of \$ 155,531

TOTAL AMOUNT DISBURSED AS GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS: \$ 10,992,153

Bulgaria

33 grants

Organization	Centre for Independent Living – Sofia
Project Name	Disability Rights Workshop: Shifting Paradigms for Social Change (Pilot Stage)
Amount Awarded	\$ 45 700
Grant Period	August 2008 – March 2009
Description of the Project	The goal of the project is to further contribute to a fundamental change in the dominant medicalized understanding of disability issues, which is presently widely shared among the main stakeholders in the area. The project will initiate a systemic shift from the medical to the social model of disabilities as an underlying factor of the rights-based approach to policy making, targeting primarily university students.
Website	www.cil-bg.org

Organization	Transparency International – Bulgaria
Project Name	Civil Society Against Buying of Electoral Votes: the Effective Civil Society Control as a Factor for Conducting Fair and Democratic Elections
Amount Awarded	USD 180,850.00

Grant Period	January 01,2009 - September 01,2009
Project Description	<p>The primary goal of the proposed project is to promote integrity in the election campaigns, to mobilize civil society organizations in order to exercise effective control and monitoring over the forthcoming election campaigns in view of prevention of buying of electoral votes and through it to increase the level of integrity of the democratic process in general. Major aims of the proposed civil initiative are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To mobilize public support and to exert effective society pressure for undertaking adequate measures against the attempts for buying electoral votes and corruption of the electoral process in the upcoming elections for MPs in the 41-th National Assembly and members of the European Parliament in 2009. - To exert real civil society control over the electoral process in order to ensure fair and transparent elections based on respect for citizen rights and freedoms of voters as well as on respect for international standards of conducting fair and democratic elections.
Website	www.transparency-bg.org
Organization	Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law
Project Name	Legitimacy through Visibility: Online Database of Active Bulgarian NGOs
Amount Awarded	USD 191,180.00
Grant Period	December 01,2008 - November 30,2010
Organization	Reason Institute
Project Name	The Communist and Nazi Crimes against Humanity and Bulgarian History Textbooks for Primary and Secondary Schools
Amount Awarded	USD 49,800.00
Grant Period	October 06, 2008 - October 06, 2009
Project Description	<p>The goal of the present project is to initiate the updating of history education in Bulgarian primary and secondary schools, to commence the review of the Bulgarian history textbooks for primary and secondary education, to develop new alternative texts presenting the period of the communist regime in an objective and accurate way, to publish an anthology of authentic historical documents, to establish a network of teachers, university lecturers, NGO representatives and other interested parties thus addressing the problems identified under the preceding section. The established network shall initiate a broader public debate on these issues and serve as pressure group on the relevant authorities in order to institutionalize the developed and proposed texts as part of the school history textbooks.</p>
Website	www.razum.org

Organization Foundation Media Democracy
Project Name [Media Monitoring Lab](#)
Amount Awarded USD 76,920.00
Grant Period October 01,2008 - September 30,2009
Project Description The project is aimed at establishing critical and independent monitoring of the media in Bulgaria with a special focus on the public sphere processes framing the pre/during and post-election state of affairs in the country in the 2008-2009 period. In its final horizon, the building up of a viable institution for media monitoring is dedicated to the mission of improving the overall media field in harmony with the values of civil society. The monitoring is to be used as an instrument for civic pressure on the media sector.

Website <http://www.fmd.bg/>

Organization Institute for Market Economics (IME)
Project Name [A Review of the Bulgarian National Audit Office Reports \(1999 - 2007\)](#)
Amount Awarded USD 15,500.00
Grant Period September 01,2008 - December 31,2008
Project Description The project aims at achieving greater transparency, accountability of administration work, enhancing civil society and provoking constructive debates. Its objectives are to:

- Create a database with detailed examples of successful and failed programs that would serve as a simple check about new programs or renewal/extension of current;
- Create a common picture about the successes/failures of government-run programs;
- Present a well-done, expert analysis based on official information;
- Activate public debate on government programs and their results;
- Provide with well-grounded proposals for reform in government programs management and implementation.

Website www.ime.bg

Organization Shtastlivetza Sofia Civil Association (SSCA)
Project Name [A Place for Future](#)
Amount Awarded USD 74,154.00
Grant Period September 01,2008 - September 01,2009
Project Description The current project is a new stage in the evolution of the existing organizations and projects linked to sustainable education and science. Its goal is the establishment of a common space and the development of mechanisms of effective interaction among academic circles, civil initiatives and environmental NGO for the promotion, mediation and support of civil environmental initiatives according to the principles of sustainable development. It aims at encouraging and stimulating the network of already existing active

university and inter-university student groups or initiatives tackling with various current environmental protection and sustainable development issues. The integration of the core Project's sustainable development concepts and practices into the students' curricula and professors' schedules as internships and traineeships is another very important objective of the proposal.

Website	http://placeforfuture.org/
Organization	Community Foundation "Mostove nad Tundja" ("Bridges over Tundja") – Yambol
Project Name	<u>Keep on Dreaming at Any Age – Together we Can Make Your Dreams Come True!</u>
Amount Awarded	USD 30,000.00
Grant Period	June 01,2008 - June 01,2009
Project Description	This project aims to search new ways to help those informal civil associations and enterprising groups in the remote districts and settlements to receive small grants to realize its ideas for improving their areas of life – frame green spaces, keeping and spreading of good national traditions, establishing clubs for the generations and extension of library fund. Main goal of the project is to support small emerging informal civil initiatives to transform into self sustainable civil groups capable of raising resources independently and efficiently pursuing their objectives in the community.
Website	Not available
Organization	Community Donors Fund Foundation
Project Name	<u>Small Grants for Big Changes</u>
Amount Awarded	USD 48,000.00
Grant Period	June 01,2008 - June 01,2009
Project Description	Based on the outcomes of this exercise, the Community Donation Fund Stara Zagora wishes to expand upon the lessons learned from this project and share its experiences with similar fledgling organizations in other parts of Bulgaria. This framework project aims: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To develop guidelines and procedures for small project grants;- To initiate and support a group of pilot community based projects;- To process the feedback from the implementation of the projects and to update the initial guidelines and procedures;- To share experience with the teams in two other towns, by providing training and support for their initiative groups based on the knowledge and experience gained in Stara Zagora;- To develop procedures for small grants projects for other groups based on the Stara Zagora experience;- Establish a resource centre to share knowledge and experience with other groups.

Website www.fund-sz.org

Organization "Community Fund - Pazardzhik " Foundation

Project Name [The Grants - Effective Stimulus for Civic Initiatives](#)

Amount Awarded USD 30,000.00

Grant Period June 01,2008 - June 01,2009

Project Description "Community Fund – Pazardzhik" Foundation has the ambition to approve itself as one of the leading factors of the civil society in the region. Through providing support for the civil action and encouraging of the innovative ideas the Foundation aims at being an active participant in the constant striving of the society for living in a better and more civilized world. The goals of the project are:

- To activate the members of the local community in order to improve the living conditions through showing their potential;
- To stimulate and support the initiative of the small NGOs and local initiative groups through organizing campaigns;
- 3. To develop the application of European and world practices and procedures for granting;

Website www.ofond-pz.org

Organization Risk Monitor Foundation

Project Name [Organized Crime: The Response of the Criminal Justice System](#)

Amount Awarded USD 49,960.00

Grant Period May 01,2008 - May 01,2009

Project Description The main project goal is to strengthen conditions for efficient and effective response to serious organized crime on the part of the legal system. It will be implemented in three stages:

- Collecting data base – collecting and making public detailed information on organized crime cases. The intention is to cover some 100 cases typical for organized crimes in the country: drug smuggling, human trafficking, murder, money laundering, etc. The aim will be to find out about procedural, professional or institutional approaches resulting in effectiveness or ineffectiveness through pre- and trial stages.
- Policy work – this stage consist of elaborating policy document based on analysis of the data collected and interviews conducted with representatives of the judiciary (investigators, prosecutors, judges, and lawyers) as well as independent experts. The paper will focus on establishing a model of more efficient approach in the fight against organized crime.
- Public discussion – the last stage of the project implementation will be focused on establishing a policy community capable of initiating new policies against organized crime.

Website <http://riskmonitor.bg>

Organization Bulgarian Lawyers for Human Rights Foundation (BLHR)

Project Name [Enhancing a Civic-State Mechanism for the Harmonization of National Law with European Standards for Human Rights Protection /Civic-State Mechanism for the Legal Protection of Human Rights/](#)

Amount Awarded USD 99,328.00

Grant Period May 01,2008 - May 01,2010

Project Description The present project is focused on the ways capable of guaranteeing protection of citizens' rights and freedoms "at home" which is in line with the international human rights protection standards. The project is aimed at enhancing the national capacity for a current review of national legislation and practice and elaboration of general measures for execution of the judgments of the European Court of Human Rights and bringing of Bulgarian legal system in compliance with the international standards for protection of human rights. The solution BLHR proposes is the formation of expert groups composed of representatives of NGOs and relevant authorities, which will assist the elaboration of the general measures necessary for the execution of the already delivered judgments of the ECtHR against Bulgaria. Other goal of the project is to strengthen capacity of the civil society, and in particular of the relevant NGOs, to participate in the process of monitoring the compliance of national law and practice with the international human rights standards and elaboration of the necessary measures in this regard. Dissemination of information is also a decisive step towards achievement of the project goals, as it will contribute for the better understanding of the addressed problems of human rights protection existing at national level and will raise public awareness of the issue.

Website <http://www.blhr.org/>

Organization Access to Information Program

Project Name [Support to Access to Information Program as a Freedom of Information Civic Resource Center \(FOICRC\)](#)

Amount Awarded USD 180,000.00

Grant Period May 01,2008 - May 01,2011

Project Description This project proposal represents a strategy for sustainable development of Access to Information Program. Its main goal is the development of expert and organizational capacity of Access to Information Program as a Resource centre for advocacy in improving the accountability of public institutions in Bulgaria and in encouraging informed public participation in the decision-making process. The project is focused on two major directions: further developing the expertise of AIP team and further developing the organizational capacity of the Access to Information Program team for self-sustainability. The project activities will follow the usual organizational work giving the team the opportunity to strengthen its capacity, to become a Resource Centre for expertise, information and professional help.

Website	http://aip-bg.org/
Organization	Association of Community Foundations in Bulgaria (ACFB)
Project Name	Time for Growth: Strategy for Bulgarian Community Foundations Development
Amount Awarded	USD 57,000.00
Grant Period	April 01,2008 - April 01,2009
Project Description	The proposed project will enable the Community Foundations to test different approaches to different types of donors, to modify their endowment building strategies and make them more feasible in their local environments. The small operation cost grants that will be released by ACFB will enable the CFs to try different approaches and techniques for raising money for endowment. The matching grants will stimulate local donors to consider seriously the option of creating permanent funds at the community foundations. Some initial capital for endowment will be collected.
Website	www.acfb.org
Organization	"ARTIST" Foundation
Project Name	Civil Participation for Resolving Problems of the Children at Risk, by an Induction of the New Method for Social Debates "The World Cafe" in Five Regional Cities in Bulgaria: Pleven, Vidin, Targovishte, Blagoevgrad and Kardjali
Amount Awarded	USD 43,200.00
Grant Period	April 01,2008 - April 01,2009
Project Description	This project proposal aims at approbating an alternative method of working with the children at risk by mobilizing all interested parties. It will introduce the model of "World café" and will establish five Clubs alike in five towns to serve as centres for debates, communication and interactive activities. The project envisages involving the relevant public institutions who to elaborate municipal strategies and programs adequate to the problem. It will come out after series of discussions with different stakeholders and analysis of the outlined problems and its possible solutions.
Web site	http://fondacia-artist.hit.bg/
Organization	Center for Policy Modernization
Project Name	Structural Funds Civic Watch
Amount Awarded	USD 31,920.00
Grant Period	April 01,2008 - April 01,2009
Project Description	The goal of this project is to contribute to the maximum possible degree to the transparency and accountability in the use of the EU Structural Funds assistance in Bulgaria, in particular those amounts dedicated to Roma inclusion. The team will perform systematic monitoring of the implementation of two Operational Programs – Human Resources and Regional Development – from their kick-off

through their involvement, and of one Framework Program from the perspective of the full inclusion of the Roma population in the public life of Bulgaria. The project proposal aims at increasing the capacity of local Roma organizations to use needs assessment and idea generation tools for designing successful project proposals and participation in the operational programs.

Website

<http://www.ry2kcc.org>

Organization

Center for Anthropology of Places and Communication, Scientific Research Department (NIS)

Project Name

[Traveling Meydan: Bridging Local Public Spaces in Bulgaria](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 43,525.00

Grant Period

April 01,2008 - May 01,2009

Project Description

The central problem this project aims to address is the disintegration of the connection between the capital and the regions, between the central elites and the local publics, between the civic culture and politics in Bulgaria. The main goal of the project is through a series of local public debates on a major issue of national importance – migration, to support and enhance the mobility of the civic experience across the national public space, thereby bringing back its unity. Attending to the needs of the local publics for intense communication and serious political debate not only locally, but across the regions and with the capital is the first necessary step towards achieving this.

Website

<http://nis-su.uni-sofia.bg/indexen.html>

Organization

Bulgarian Association for the Promotion of Citizen Initiative (BAPCI)

Project Name

[Enabling Public Participation in Environmental Decision-Making for the Bourgas-Alexandroupolis Pipeline](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 33,920.00

Grant Period

April 01,2008 - January 01,2009

Project Description

The goal of this project is to ensure protection of the environmental rights of the Bulgarian citizens and safeguard the welfare of Bulgarian Black Sea coastal area in connection with the Bourgas - Alexandroupolis pipeline through the following solutions to the current and expected problems: press for disclosure of vital public information by the authorities, develop broad public awareness of the concrete parameters of the pipeline project and its socio-economic and environmental implications, enable public participation in decision-making regarding the project and/or citizens' access to environmental justice, introduce a mechanism of on-going citizens control for the lifetime of the project, in case the pipeline gets approved for construction.

Website

<http://www.bapci.org/>

Organization

Center for Economic Development

Project Name	Pension Reform in Bulgaria – Necessary Next Steps
Amount Awarded	USD 29,500.00
Grant Period	April 01,2008 - November 01,2008
Project Description	The overall goal of the proposed project is to contribute to the development of new reform policies in pension insurance. CED will identify and assess the challenges and the achieved results from the implemented three-pillar pension model in Bulgaria in 2001 and will give recommendations about necessary next steps. CED seeks to continue the active collaboration of all stakeholders while drafting and implementing the first phase of the pension reform in Bulgaria. The team will assess the achievements and the challenges of the pension reform and propose the necessary next steps through a combination of desk research, review of literature and sociological study. The new plan will be made accessible to public through debates and on-line discussions.
Website	http://www.ced.bg
Organization	“Glasove Society”
Project Name	Glasove for Civil Action
Amount Awarded	USD 49,000.00
Grant Period	April 01,2008 - April 01,2009
Project Description	The goal of the Project is to create, on the basis of the ongoing internet website www.glasove.info , an interactive internet media for civil action, originated by a community of people, united to act and to apply pressure on public institutions. The main intention of „Glasove Society” is to organize a community of people which debates, analyzes, identifies and finds solutions; community of people which exercises an effective pressure on the public institutions and the decision makers; community of people which is able to collectively influence the decision making processes and which cares for and preserves its historical, cultural, intellectual and political memory.
Website	http://www.glasove.info
Organization	Narodno Chitalishte “Future Now”
Project Name	Active Citizenship Today (ACT)What is to be a citizen in Bulgaria?
Amount Awarded	USD 67,211.00
Grant Period	April 01,2008 - April 01,2010
Project Description	The project proposal aims at increasing young Bulgarian people's knowledge of their rights and obligations as citizens, their awareness and feel of responsibility for the society and its problems, their critical thinking and capability to debate about important public topics, trough developing, testing and launching into practice of a set of e-content, methodology and learning materials about civic education.
Website	http://www.gudevica.org/moodle/index.php

Organization "Friends of Regional Ethnography Museum Club," Plovdiv - Association for private benefit with non-for-profit purpose

Project Name [Civic Education in the Sphere of Culture: Culture as Resource for Local](#) Development

Amount Awarded USD 43,180.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - April 01,2009

Project Description The project aims at provoking public discussions about the role and significance of museums as institutions for dialogue in the society and between diverse social groups. Its goal is to structure, provoke and support active civic behaviour locally and at national level (at regional and European in perspective) in the sphere of culture – to improve the way of life and support the social interests, to extend the practice and support the work for non-profit purposes and create partnership networks. The project aims at establishing a national federation of clubs named "Friends of Museums" which will play a role of centers for public debates and incentives for civic participation in programs for local development. The team will work in several Bulgarian cities known for their cultural heritage with potential to contribute to the strategies for local development.

Website <http://www.ethnograph.info>

Organization Club of Non-Governmental Organizations – Targovishte

Project Name ["A Model for Third Sector Sustainable Partnerships"](#)

Amount Awarded USD 75,000.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - April 01,2010

Project Description The current project is an opportunity to be conceptually reflective and establish a genuine dialogue with a wide circle of civil society stake-holders about the future of partnership working in the project regions and - as much as possible – in Bulgaria as a whole. The project seeks to build capacity in the third sector through developing mechanisms for creating sustainable partnership structures among civil society actors. To this end, the project aims to develop and launch a practical model for sustainable partnerships which can be used by a wide range of NGOs and other civil society stake-holders who seek to consolidate their work and build capacity through coalitions, consortiums, networks, and other formal or informal forms of unity.

Website <http://www.clubngo.org>

Organization "Theatre Tsvete" Association

Project Name [Youth Theatre-Discussion Clubs Network "Citizens of Europe"](#)

Amount Awarded USD 98,980.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - June 01,2009

Project Description The project presents the conviction that true and lasting democracy can't exist if the citizens don't understand and appreciate democratic

values. The impact of the first phase of our project exceeded the expectations destroying the popular assumptions (taken for granted) that young people in Bulgaria are passive, disinterested, alienated by the social problems in the country were broken down. During the Phase II we aim to continue persuading and demonstrating to the Local authorities in 7 Bulgarian middle-sized towns that they MUST provide local informal environment where young people will be encouraged, stimulated and trained to contribute for developing a healthy civil society thus influencing their own future. Another goal of the project from the methodological point of view is to present the Forum Theatre as an effective method for informal civic education.

Website <http://www.theatretsvete.org>

Organization Bulgarian Charities Aid Foundation

Project Name [Work, Engage, Give!](#)

Amount Awarded USD 50,000.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - April 01,2009

Project Description The project aims to develop planned employee giving and volunteering as a corporate policy in order that employee contributions become important source for funding and support to Bulgarian civil society. Coherent corporate policies will certainly overcome the weaknesses of individual giving and volunteering. Workplace presents a framed space where employees can be targeted to improve the quality and quantity of their giving. The employers have a direct benefit from involving employees in community projects, which will be demonstrated and promoted during the project. Volunteering is the step to continuous support for charitable cause. Volunteering allows people to know and 'live' with the cause. Volunteering most naturally educates philanthropists who will support civil society needs lifelong.

Website <http://www.bcaf.org>

Organization InfoSpace

Project Name [Public eye](#)

Amount Awarded USD 200,000.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - October 01,2010

Project Description The project goal is, therefore, to strengthen and widen the influence of Mediapool – through ensuring its durability and sustainability – as a media factor which gives the floor to the expression of clear opinions in favor of the civil society, not being related to political or business circles and being an alternative to the manipulative wide-circulation media of tabloid style. To promote the values of independent journalism and its highest professional standards through producing high-quality content in an accessible format, understandable by the readers. To raise public awareness and citizens' knowledge of worthy information, stimulating the general

public and encouraging groups of citizens to be socially active through providing an appropriate forum for them to exchange opinions, to question the policy-makers and to receive feedback in an atmosphere of accountability and transparency.

Website

Not available

Organization

Community group living on Konstantin Irechek St., Sofia

Project Name

[Mobilization of the citizens for better living environment in the neighborhood of Konstantin Irechek St. in Sofia and stimulation of the establishment of a grassroots neighborhood organization](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 4,110.00

Grant Period

April 01,2008 - April 01,2009

Project Description

The activities proposed under the present project address the problems and needs identified. They aim at mobilizing citizens' participation in a grassroots neighbourhood community convinced that the living environment could be improved by their own efforts and in constructive dialogue and collaboration with the municipal authorities. The project aims at solving the identified problems by achieving the following two main goals:

- To mobilize the community in the neighbourhood of Konstantin Irechek St. in Sofia for better living environment and to stimulate the establishment of a grassroots neighbourhood organization;
- To disseminate the good practice to the other neighbourhoods in Krasno Selo region of Stolichna Municipality, and to the civil society in general.

Website

Not available

Organization

Animus Association Foundation

Project Name

[Mapping and Networking Prevention Services, NGOs and Programs in the Domestic Violence Sector in Bulgaria](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 70,449.00

Grant Period

April 01,2008 - April 01,2009

Project Description

In order to provoke real change in Bulgarian society's attitude towards domestic violence and to activate stronger state involvement, a short lived media prevention campaign would not be sufficient. There is an urgent need for better structured cross-sector cooperation among prevention and service providers. There exist effective local networks which are used also by Animus on case by case bases, when a concrete need occurs. However, NGOs from the various regions rarely communicate or work with each other and there is no cohesive regional and national outlook. This project aims at opening up the space for such a forum and further develops those partnerships in a formalized, cohesive network. The mapping of the existing prevention resources in Bulgaria will allow the Association to bring them together, so that they can share their experiences and best practices, which at a later stage of the project will enable to

codify an experience based and victim centered prevention approach.

Website <http://www.animusassociation.org>

Organization European Law Society (ELS)

Project Name [PRO BONO – SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF LEGAL PROFESSIONS](#)

Amount Awarded USD 49,500.00

Grant Period April 01, 2008 - July 01, 2009

Project Description The project's goal is to develop sustainable model of social responsibility of legal professions (SRLP) through establishment of clearing house to mediate between the legal professions and legal clinics and NGOs, who provide legal assistance. It aims also at providing reliable data to serve as advocacy tool in leveraging access to justice policies and changing attitudes of legal professions in regards to their social responsibility.

Web site <http://www.e-l-s.org/>

Organization Bulgarian Helsinki Committee (BHC)

Project Name [Independent Review of the Effectiveness of the Anti-Discrimination Regime in Bulgaria](#)

Amount Awarded USD 10,000.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - April 01,2009

Project Description As a novel instrument in a society with no significant traditions of practical anti-discrimination, the ADL needs to be assessed in terms of its practical effect based on the fashion its enforcers (the courts and the specialized equality body) construe it, and on the influence it has on the lives of underprivileged individuals and groups. Such a review is prerequisite for future informed and targeted policy-making designed to maximize society's chances for substantive equality in practice. Key for the validity of any such review is the involvement of civil society and beneficiary groups, whose feedback is essential for a proper analysis of the achievements and failures of the normative regime. This project means to help correct the status quo of informational and analytical blankness by gathering and analyzing data regarding the content and quality of the case law produced under the ADL, as well as the perceptions of representatives of the vulnerable groups meant to be protected by the law as to that law's accessibility, practicality and effectiveness.

Website <http://www.bghelsinki.org>

Organization Institute RAZUM

Project Name ["Bulgaria - 1968. Sofia Summer vs. Prague Spring"](#)

Amount Awarded USD 49,300.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - October 01,2008

Project Description The project "Sofia Summer vs. Prague Spring" offers a new point of view towards the events in 1968, presenting information about the

scale of censorship at that time and the means of manipulation, which were used by the totalitarian government when the danger of democratization was in sight. This research will provide documents as an evidence about the communist propaganda; a different look at the events that shook the Eastern Block and predetermined the fall of Berlin Wall 20 years later. 40 years after the events in Czechoslovakia, the project presents two parallel realities – Prague Spring and Sofia Summer in 1968. How did the communist propaganda, through the coverage on Bulgarian National Television, Bulgarian National Radio and newsreels shown in cinemas at that time present the situation in Czechoslovakia? Nowadays stories and memories of people who were involved - a comparison between their point of view and the documentary scenes presented to Bulgarian audience in 1968.

Website <http://www.razum.org/>

Organization European Institute Foundation

Project Name [“Let’s think together – to include the young people in the decision making process”](#)

Amount Awarded USD 49,040.00

Grant Period March 01,2008 - March 01,2009

Project Description The project aims at overcoming the apathy and non participation of young people in Bulgaria and more specifically at:

- including young people of Bulgaria in the debate on the country’s future;
- stimulating the dialogue between young people and political bodies on the issues of solidarity;
- encouraging the opportunity of young people to get included in the decision making process on local, national and international level.

Website <http://www.europeaninstitute.bg>

Organization IKAR Association

Project Name [The Law is not Enough / Silence is Broken /](#)

Amount Awarded USD 44,270.00

Grant Period March 01,2008 - September 01,2009

Project Description The project aims at creating supporting environment for the women-victims of discrimination at work and build up a “bridge” between the concrete target group and the relevant institutions. The methodology is based on an innovative approach for social influence that will be applied for first time in Bulgaria. The goal is to be achieved through the means of the social theatre, juridical consultation, training, media campaign, science research and drawing up of statistic data.

Website <http://www.inthename.net/ikar>

Czech Republic

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Organization	Slovak-Czech Women's Fund
Project Name	Support of SCWF's grant making and development of sustainability strategy for SCWF
Amount Awarded	USD 150,000.00
Grant Period	January 01,2009 - December 31,2011
Project Description	The main goal is to promote women's rights and gender equality in Czech and Slovak societies through increase of financial stability of women's rights NGOs in Czech and Slovak Republics and promotion of social responsible philanthropy and social solidarity in the respective societies.
Website	www.scwf.cz
Organization	Open Society, p.b.c. - ProPolice
Project Name	Advocacy for consolidation of community policing within structure of Czech police
Amount Awarded	USD 181,000.00
Grant Period	January 01,2009 - November 01,2011
Project Description	The project aims to foster changes of Czech police structure towards adoption of community policing within its tasks, responsibilities and operation at local level and to bring the issue of community policing and its related needs and expectations to public debate.
Website	http://www.pro-police.cz
Organization	Agora Central Europe
Project Name	The Role of Advocacy and Watchdog Organizations in Supporting Civic Society and Strengthening the Legitimacy of the Judiciary as an Independent Body in The Czech Republic
Amount Awarded	USD 6,000.00
Grant Period	October 01,2008 - December 31,2008
Project Description	To help donors (CEE Trust) to adjust or set up their grant schemes to provide efficient support for watchdog and advocacy organizations
Website	www.agora-ce.cz
Organization	Step by Step Czech Republic
Project Name	New steps
Amount Awarded	USD 50,000.00
Grant Period	July 01,2008 - June 30,2009
Project Description	The goals of this support are: a/ implementation of external and internal organization changes into its ordinary life b/ The organization restructuring c/ The organization stabilizing
Website	www.sbscr.cz
Organization	Amelie, o.s.

Project Name [Professionalization of Organization Amelie](#)
Amount Awarded USD 50,000.00
Grant Period July 01,2008 - June 30,2009
Project Description The goals of this support are: a/ Professionalize the organization and build administrative capacity b/ Transition from purely volunteer base to professional providing of our services and help c/ Obtain status of “social service provider” according to new act of social services in the Czech Republic
Website www.amelie-os.cz

Organization Zřvůle Práva, o.s.
Project Name [Expansion of the method of strategic litigation as an instrument of social change in the interest of raising the standard of human rights and liberties protection and civil society development](#)
Amount Awarded USD 50,000.00
Grant Period July 01,2008 - June 30,2009
Project Description The aim of the project is to achieve a higher standard of human rights and Parliament in 2009.liberties protection and civil society development in the Czech Republic through the practical use of the method of strategic litigation.
Website www.zvuleprava.cz

Organization Člověk v Tísni, o.p.s. (People in Need)
Project Name [Kdo jiný? / Who Else?](#)
Amount Awarded USD 202,000.00
Grant Period June 01,2008 - December 01,2010
Project Description The goal of the project is to raise young people’s participation in civil society as regards handling critical public issues. The project uses materials from One world human rights film festival as an impulse for activating young people.
Website <http://www.clovekv tisni.cz>

Organization Public Interest Law Association
Project Name [Pro bono in the Czech Republic](#)
Amount Awarded USD 80,000.00
Grant Period June 01, 2008 - June 01, 2010
Project Description The general goal of the project is to expand access to legal services for people and interests not yet adequately represented. It should raise awareness about *pro bono* among attorneys, raise the social status of *pro bono* services, transfer cases/clients from NGOs to attorneys and improve their cooperation.
Website <http://www.pilaw.cz>

Organization Oziveni, o.s.
Project Name [Personal Responsibility Enforcement – The Key to Good Municipal Governance](#)

Amount Awarded USD 99,000.00
Grant Period June 01,2008 - June 01,2010
Project Description The project goal is to recreate a possibility of powerful and meaningful citizens local watchdog activity, by creating the possibilities a) to enforce personal responsibility of those breaking laws and b) to protect the municipal property against malfeasance by the right of legal action.
Website <http://www.oziveni.cz>

Organization Czech Transport Federation (CTF)
Project Name [Financing Highway Projects in the Czech republic - a Call for Action](#)
Amount Awarded USD 90,000.00
Grant Period June 01,2008 - June 01,2010
Project Description This project aims to:

- Make the government accountable for planning and permitting transport project procedures (legal, transparent and economically effective processes open to public participation and with assessment of alternatives).
- Make the government accountable for the financing of specific transport plans and projects and assessing alternatives in terms economic, social and environmental impact.
- Change the way transport is charged into an effective economic tool supporting alternatives in transport policy and a modal shift in favour of environmentally acceptable transport.

Website <http://www.dopravnifederace.cz>

Organization Via Foundation
Project Name ["Community Involvement – Community Participation – Community Mobilization": Grant-Making for Grassroots Community Initiatives in the Czech Republic.](#)
Amount Awarded USD 447,000.00
Grant Period June 01,2008 - November 01,2011
Project Description The main goal of the project is to develop capacity of the Czech foundation that concentrate on community development and public participation so that it would be able to secure private resources for pass-through grant making as well as endowment building. The projects concentrates on following objectives: Mobilization of local public through providing funding, training and experience sharing to Czech grassroots initiatives, and Strengthening overall capacity of Via Foundation.
Website www.nadacevia.cz

Organization Iuridicum Remedium (IuRe)
Project Name [Reclaim Your Rights in the Digital Age](#)

Amount Awarded	USD 200,000.00
Grant Period	May 01,2008 - May 01,2011
Project Description	The project aims to create an effective mix of legal and grassroots-empowering campaigns for privacy protection and intellectual property advance.
Website	http://www.iure.org
Organization	Romea
Project Name	Investigative Journalism of Civil Rights Violations
Amount Awarded	USD 85,000.00
Grant Period	April 01,2008 - April 01,2010
Project Description	This projects aims to map violation of human rights in the society through investigative journalism (in all CZ regions).
Website	http://www.romea.cz
Organization	Zelený Kruh
Project Name	Developing New Modes of Collaboration between NGOs, Public and Academic Sector
Amount Awarded	USD 78,000.00
Grant Period	April 01,2008 - April 01,2011
Project Description	This project focuses on the development and strengthening of the NGO capacities. The main goal is to map, test and establish new modes of communication and collaboration 1) between NGOs themselves; 2) in relation to the public (local communities and/or citizens concerned with specific problem), and to experts and specialized (research) institutions.
Website	http://www.zelenykruh.cz
Organization	Fórum 50 %
Project Name	Long-term Sustainability of Forum 50 %
Amount Awarded	USD 78,000.00
Grant Period	April 01,2008 - April 01,2010
Project Description	The goal of the project is to secure dynamic development and future sustainability of the organization that is focused on striving for a society that has equal representation of women and men in the public life.
Website	http://www.padesatprocent.cz
Organization	Czech Donors Forum
Project Name	New Models for Creating Favorable Legal Conditions for the Civil Society in the Czech Republic
Amount Awarded	USD 78,000.00
Grant Period	April 01,2008 - April 01,2010
Project Description	The project aims to change the quality of legal and tax environment for NGOs in the Czech Republic through new models of cooperation with the Government, Universities and Chambers, MPs and NGOs.

Website <http://www.donorsforum.cz>

Organization Jan Hus Educational Foundation

Project Name [Innovating and Diversification Investment Strategies of the Czech Foundation sector](#)

Amount Awarded USD 38,000.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - September 01,2009

Project Description This projects has three main goals: 1/Generate independent sustainable income for local partnering communities, and pioneer innovative cooperation between foundations and local governments; 2/Increase grant budget of the Czech foundations through investment with better return, and thus be able to support more civil society programs; 3/Enhance slow development of renewable energy sources in the Czech Republic

Website <http://www.vnjh.cz>

Organization Counselling Centre for Citizenship, Civil and Human Rights

Project Name [Capacities, Resources, Structures: Capacity Building Project](#)

Amount Awarded USD 40,000.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - September 01,2008

Project Description The goal of the project is to secure dynamic development and future sustainability of the Centre that is focused on human rights protection

Website <http://www.poradna-prava.cz>

Organization Transparency International - Czech Republic

Project Name [Transparent and Effective Public Contracting](#)

Amount Awarded USD 70,000.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - September 01,2009

Project Description This project wants to help to decrease the extent of corruption in public contracting in the Czech Republic by enhancing the accountability of the involved institutions

Website www.transparency.cz

Hungary

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Organization Ökotárs Alapítvány / Hungarian Environmental Partnership Foundation

Project Name [Advocacy Campaign and Expert Support to Simplify and Unify the Legislation of NGO Administration and Funding in Hungary](#)

Amount Awarded USD 325,000.00

Grant Period January 01,2009 - December 31,2011

Project Description The project aims to improve the legal-fiscal environment of Hungarian civil society through addressing long standing legislative

gaps by preparing background analyses, draft proposals and by advocating for their approval in the coming 2 years in the following areas: (1) new regulation creating a uniform and authoritative database of NGOs with an option for “one-window” electronic administration (2) the relevant chapters of the new Civil Code (foundation regulation) (3) the review of the Act on Public Benefit Organizations (4) the lack of transparent state financing mechanisms (Public Finance Act)

Website

www.okotars.hu

Organization

Hungarian Civil Liberties Union

Project Name

[The Age of Innocence, Book by Eva Vajda and Attila Mong](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 23,000.00

Grant Period

August 01,2008 - December 31,2008

Project Description

The project aims to improve investigative reporting to strengthen media’s role as public watchdog of society and thus contribute to a more transparent, accountable system of public institutions in Hungary.

Website

www.tasz.hu

Organization

Independent Journalism Foundation/Center for Independent Journalism

Project Name

[Promoting Accountability of Public Institutions by Creating a Network of Investigative Reporters and Trainers](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 117,000.00

Grant Period

July 01,2008 - December 31,2009

Project Description

The project aims to improve investigative reporting to strengthen media’s role as public watchdog of society and thus contribute to a more transparent, accountable system of public institutions in Hungary.

Website

www.cij.hu

Organization

Káva Kulturális Műhely Egyesület

Project Name

[Theatre in Education: a Creative Tool to Improve Civic Engagement](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 85,000.00

Grant Period

June 01,2008 - November 01,2009

Project Description

The overall long term goal of this program is to have citizens living in Hungary, who: are able to accept anyone regardless of their ethnical or racial identity in their communities; are open minded; are creative; are acquainted with the basic rules of democracy; are improving in their moral and social sensitivity; are able to organize themselves and build a strong civil society; are able to affect as multipliers among their own communities; are able to represent themselves; are active citizens. The project concentrates on continuation and strategic development well established and proved method of theatre in education.

Website	http://www.kavaszinhaz.hu
Organization	ZÖFI – Hungarian Young Greens
Project Name	Magdolna Quarter Community
Amount Awarded	USD 57,000.00
Grant Period	May 01,2008 - June 01,2010
Project Description	The goal of the project is reintegration of the underprivileged Magdolna Quarter in the social and cultural life of Budapest.
Website	http://www.zofi.hu
Organization	NIOK
Project Name	Comprehensive NGO Database for Transparency
Amount Awarded	USD 45,000.00
Grant Period	April 01,2008 - April 01,2010
Project Description	The goal of the project is to ensure more transparency for NGOs by creating an online, valid comprehensive NGO database that includes hard and soft data.
Website	http://www.niok.hu
Organization	Hungarian Civil Liberties Union
Project Name	Project to Develop a Nationwide Freedom of Information (FOI) Legal Aid Network
Amount Awarded	USD 97,000.00
Grant Period	April 01,2008 - April 01,2010
Project Description	Project aims to increase the number of requests and lawsuits, to give counsel on Freedom of Information issues, to strengthen public control and transparency, to propagate the development Freedom of Information jurisprudence, to reduce corruption and to raise the awareness of tax-payers.
Website	http://www.tasz.hu
Organization	Environmental Management and Law Association (EMLA)
Project Name	Open Legislation II.
Amount Awarded	USD 99,000.00
Grant Period	April 01,2008 - September 01,2009
Project Description	The goal of the project is to enhance public institutions' accountability, and to increase public involvement and advocacy capacity of civil society.
Website	http://www.emla.hu
Organization	Legal Defense Bureau for National and Ethnic Minorities (NEKI)
Project Name	Sustainable Development of Anti-Discrimination Law
Amount Awarded	USD 90,000.00
Grant Period	April 01,2008 - September 01,2009
Project Description	The aim of this project is to develop Hungarian anti-discrimination law through a consequent and uniform legal practice of competent

authorities. Furthermore, project would also concentrates on monitoring the government's legal policy in connection with anti-discrimination as reflected in the practice of adjudicators. A further goal is to conduct the above activities in a sustainable way both in financial and professional terms. The project will be realized in partnership with Roma Sajtóközpont.

Website

<http://www.neki.hu>

Organization

National Society of Conservationists (NSC)

Project Name

[Transparency for State Subsidies](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 60,000.00

Grant Period

April 01,2008 - April 01,2010

Project Description

The goal is in partnership with other civil society actors to enhance transparency of state-financed investments and subsidies to enterprises in order to integrate sustainability and reduce corruption.

Website

<http://www.mtvsh.hu>

Organization

Association of Conscious Consumers

Project Name

[Transparency of Public Institutions](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 58,000.00

Grant Period

April 01,2008 - September 01,2009

Project Description

The project goals are: Stronger watchdog mandate for NGOs; Clarified regulation and transparent procedures and better inter-agency communication; Better consumer protection through proper implementation of existing regulation; Empowered civil society through information access.

Website

<http://www.tudatosvasarlo.hu>

Organization

A Racionális Közéletért Egyesület

Project Name

[Wiki Republic](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 50,000.00

Grant Period

April 01,2008 - February 01,2009

Project Description

The project aims to:

- help constructive and cooperative approaches prevail without prejudice to political sides,
- encourage rational discussion, public debate and criticism,
- establish links with government to ensure that the voice of our contributors is heard and questions are answered,
- encourage the formulation and discussion of policy dilemmas by citizens or stakeholders (deliberative-participatory politics).

Website

<http://www.wikiorszag.hu>

Organization

Önkéntes Központ Alapítvány

Project Name

[Civil Cooperation in Order to Achieve More Efficient Corporate](#)

Amount Awarded [Social Responsibility](#)
USD 50,000.00
Grant Period April 01,2008 - April 01,2010
Project Description ÖKA together with the members of the Network of Hungarian Volunteer Centres aims to work out a method that enables to maintain the programme to represent a sustainable development concerning the co-operation on firming social responsibility.
Website <http://www.onkentes.hu>

Organization Hungarian Helsinki Committee
Project Name [Addressing Key Human Rights Problems in the Hungarian Criminal Justice System](#)

Amount Awarded USD 56,000.00
Grant Period April 01,2008 - April 01,2009
Project Description The project aims to:

- further improve the human rights situation in closed institutions and guaranteeing that rights enshrined in international norms for detainees are fully respected by Hungarian authorities.
- advocate for establishing a quality assurance system for appointed counsels by identifying problems in the existing practice, presenting international good practices and proposing a sustainable quality assurance model.
- advocate for eliminating actual life sentences in compliance with the CPT's recommendation that there is "a regular review of the threat to society posed by 'actual lifers', on the basis of an individual risk assessment, with a view to establishing whether they can serve the remainder of their sentence in the community".

Website <http://www.helsinki.hu>

Poland

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Organization Institute of Sociology, Warsaw University

Project Name [Social Action Euro 2012](#)

Amount Awarded USD 900,000.00

Grant Period May 01,2008 - December 01,2012

Project Description The idea of the project is to use the forthcoming European Football Cup 2012 as a vehicle for civil society building and catalysing societal change. The goal of the project is to use the four year run-up to the Cup as an opportunity to stimulate debate and mobilise participation in public life with the practical aim to challenge the self-stereotypes of Poles and change the national self-image. To achieve that goal, the grantee will: - create the network of local/regional watchdogs, building on the existing grass root

initiatives, to monitor the public issues concerning preparations for Euro 2012, - empower people to voice by providing them with the space and support to articulate their views and monitor local government through citizens' cross-sector debates, and developing their skills and knowledge on how to access and demand information, - network various partners locally (academia, business, NGO, local government, circles of engaged citizens – e.g. fans of football) around the idea of “winning through Euro 2012” as the exceptional chance for each of these groups to make Euro 2012 its own success. The grantee hopes the project will become a magnet for other initiatives focused on Euro 2012, will contribute to building solid, non-institutional civil society networks, empower community groups and teach self-confidence, and will show ways to achieve grass-root change.

Website <http://www.is.uw.edu.pl>

Organization Warsaw University, Department of Psychology

Project Name [Strengthening Local Communities by Improving Democratic Skills](#)

Amount Awarded USD 40,000.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - March 01,2009

Project Description This project aims to strengthen citizens' communication and conflict resolution skills to stimulate civic engagement in local communities. The program will improve social skills among citizens (both youth and adults), increase their awareness of county problems, help them debate on ongoing local issues, and will develop citizens' problem solving skills, which could be applied to cope with local concerns. The grantee hopes to foster more positive attitude towards debates and democratic institutions, increase participants' awareness of constructive conflict resolution strategies and prepare them to enter the community as active citizens.

Website <http://www.uw.edu.pl>

Organization Foundation for Specialized Transportation Service for the Disabled – TUS

Project Name [Strengthening Democratic Standards of Local Governments' Activity](#)

Amount Awarded USD 50,000.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - February 01,2009

Project Description The overall goal of this project is to improve the quality of social policy programs concerning disable people. The grantee will monitor the process of preparation and implementation of Poviats Programs of Action Concerning Disabled Persons, which cover such fields as social integration, employment, and protection of the rights of disable. The project will provide in-depth analysis of the quality of PPACDP, will contribute to improvement of the processes of preparing, implementing and evaluating social policy programs, and will raise local authorities' and officers' awareness of the necessity to maintain particular standards in their work. This

program will also foster transparency in decision making processes, promote public consultations and strengthen TUS Foundation's capacity as a watchdog organization. The project will operate in Mazovia and Lublin Voivodship in Eastern Poland.

Website

<http://www.tus.org.pl>

Organization

Human Rights Studies Centre, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Warsaw University

Project Name

[Klinika 42](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 30,000.00

Grant Period

April 01,2008 - March 01,2010

Project Description

The project addresses the problem of quality and fairness of executive proceeding (performing the punishment) before penitentiary courts. The program aims to provide professional aid and objective opinion of independent organization to penitentiary courts and prison administration, to ensure a real representation of a prisoner before the competent authorities, and to increase awareness of the society in the field of human rights protection related to prisoners. Activities of the project include: establishment of regular cooperation with the representatives of the prison authorities and the penitentiary judges, prisons monitoring and preparing reports, intervention in case of rights violation (preparing *Amicus curiae* for penitentiary court, providing legal assistance and prisoner's representation), students' education. The grantee expects to form a team of students qualified in monitoring, strategic litigation, and effective representation of the individual before the public authorities, to provide effective legal and social assistance to individual prisoners, and to strengthen accountability and transparency in public institutions.

Website

<http://www.ipsir.uw.edu.pl>

Organization

Collegium Civitas

Project Name

[Empowering Social/Civic Skills of Elderly Women in the Multicultural Villages of the North-Eastern Poland](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 80,000.00

Grant Period

April 01,2008 - February 01,2010

Project Description

The goal of the project is to empower its participants by strengthening their social/civic skills, especially among elderly women from multicultural villages. The program will stimulate public expression of local memory, support reconstruction of social bonds among generations and strengthen community cohesion. The project is created in response to the growing need of strengthening the sense of citizenship among the elderly, who face problems resulting from social and economic transformation. Activities within the project include: reconstruction and collection of local cultural memory resources; lessons for youth conducted by elderly village women presenting local crafts and other elements of local culture;

story-telling community gatherings; wandering theater spectacles evoking local artistic activity; promotion of worked-out, pro-civic social activities through organization of a multicultural festival.

The grantee expects to prepare publication of good practices with social policy recommendations, to create innovative education programs, to establish local centers of story-telling, to train local she-leaders, teachers, NGOs' and local institutions' representatives, and to foster partnerships between NGOs and communal authorities.

Website <http://www.civitas.edu.pl>

Organization Nobody's Children Foundation

Project Name [Coalition for Child-friendly Interviewing](#)

Amount Awarded USD 40,000.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - December 01,2008

Project Description The goal of this program is to provide effective protection for child victims participating in criminal procedures, through changing the practice of interviewing children in Poland and Bulgaria. The project promotes the idea of child-friendly interview rooms and offers support to children and their caretakers. Additionally, the grantee is planning to improve competence of professionals involved in interviewing children and help child victims of crime. The project will create interdisciplinary coalitions among institutions of justice system, NGOs and local agencies protecting rights of children participating in legal procedures.

Website <http://www.fdn.pl>

Organization Association for the Public Development

Project Name [Increasing the Role of NGOs in the Betterment of the Life of Local Communities](#)

Amount Awarded USD 50,000.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - March 01,2009

Project Description The project focuses on increasing the influence of NGOs in the community and public life in the Podkarpacie (Carpathia) region and making the activity of the representation of the NGO sector more professional. There are over 2000 NGOs present in the region, yet their high potential is not fully used to solve essential problems of the society. The project addresses these issues by: - organizing a series of training courses (legal matters, PR, media relations and lobbying) for members of the Carpathian Council of NGOs, - organizing electoral conventions for the Carpathian Council of NGOs, - conducting informative activities regarding NGOs and the society (articles in the local press, radio and TV programs) - analysis of the needs of NGOs and offering advisory and consulting support for their representatives, running series of training sessions and workshops concerning obtaining funds.

Through these activities the grantee hopes to strengthen the

capacity of local NGOs and contribute to the development of local communities in the Carpathian region.

Website

<http://www.flrzeszow.pl>

Organization

ZNAK Christian Culture Foundation

Project Name

[Tolerance, Acceptance, Fascination – Multiculturalism in Fashion](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 40,000.00

Grant Period

April 01, 2008 - February 01, 2009

Project Description

The project aims to create respect for diversity and to stimulate social dialogue and solidarity by working with prospective young journalists, broadening their knowledge, and fostering their sensitivity and openness to multiculturalism. These aims will be achieved by creating an innovative curriculum in the scope of multicultural journalism, running series of workshops for journalism students, shooting a reportage, preparing an interactive educational package and a project-related website. This kind of in-depth training approach will enable young journalists to introduce a new media vocabulary related to cultural diversity by focusing on its inspiring and not destructive values. Additionally, secondary school pupils, attending journalism classes and participating in the project, will gain skills in understanding "multicultural journalism" through creating and running the project website.

Website

<http://www.fundacja.znak.com.pl>

Organization

Institute of Sociology, Warsaw University

Project Name

[Let us speak for ourselves](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 99,560.00

Grant Period

April 01, 2008 - June 01, 2009

Project Description

The goal of the Project is to enhance local communities' development in Poland, especially enable envisioning social policy and solving social problems. This will be done by providing and diffusing a set of practical tools to be used by local communities and citizen groups to self-diagnose their needs and potential in terms of agenda-setting and provoking change in a given locality. The goal will be achieved by completing a thorough process of 'mapping' the localities, conducted in 2 communes (Bialowieza, podlaskie voivodship, and Zoliborz, a district of Warsaw). The mapping process in these 2 communes will serve as a source of best practices and will enable to develop and test the local diagnosis 'tool-kit' so that it can work for other localities. The method we will use is a participatory one: people themselves will be involved in building the understanding of their local world. Mapping process will be followed by local debates. The mapping process is aiming at building common understanding, identifying sources of conflicts and looking for the common solution.

Website

<http://www.is.uw.edu.pl>

Organization The Association Center for Holocaust Research
Project Name [Publication of Selected Sources on the Holocaust in Poland together with Materials for Teachers and Organization of Workshops for Teachers and Educators](#)
Amount Awarded USD 95,000.00
Grant Period April 01,2008 - March 01,2010
Project Description The project aims to support Holocaust education in Polish schools. The Holocaust being taught in the context of combating racism and anti-Semitism is closely related to teaching tolerance, overcoming stereotypes and prejudice. Thus, Holocaust education is an opportunity to discuss fundamental democratic values. Selection of sources on the Holocaust, compiled by experts with a view to being used in the teaching process, is of paramount importance, both for the teaching process itself, as well as for combating xenophobia and promotion of acceptance in a multi-cultural worldview. Activities within the project include: publication of a *Selection of Sources* for Holocaust education, preparation of methodological guidelines and lesson plans together with syllabus with source analysis for teachers, organization of workshops for teachers and educators.
Website <http://www.holocaustresearch.pl>

Organization Education Society for Malopolska (MTO)
Project Name [Public Achievement Goes to the Visegrad Countries](#)
Amount Awarded USD 40,000.00
Grant Period April 01, 2008 - January 01, 2009
Project Description The goal of the project is to assist in the development of democratic practices at the grassroots level. Public Achievement (PA) is one of the most effective ways of enabling young people to be active citizens and to take responsibility for solving problems that are of importance to them. The project will provide youth with skills in analyzing and tackling problems, along with concrete opportunities to use these skills in a meaningful way. It will thus contribute to raising a new generation of citizens, who are active and engaged. The grantee will recruit new mentors (teachers, university students) from Poland, Slovakia, Czech Republic and Hungary, who upon completion of the training will be working with PA groups in their countries.
Website <http://www.mto.org.pl>

Organization House for Polish-German Co-operation
Project Name [Breaking Intersectoral Ice – Improving Cooperation between Companies and NGOs](#)
Amount Awarded USD 50,000.00
Grant Period April 01,2008 - May 01,2009
Project Description This project addresses the problem of low awareness of the CSR

initiative in the Polish business sector, and lack of NGOs' leaders skills and competencies on how to address companies, communicate with them, and find proper partners for intersectoral partnerships. The main goal of the project is to increase the knowledge of the CSR initiative and its advantages among local firms, NGOs, public sector and local society, and to strengthen the third sector by means of intersectoral cooperation. The program will offer trainings for the NGOs' representatives - future intersectoral cooperation specialists and animators, in the field of CSR and building cross-sector partnerships. It will also offer counseling of selected NGOs and companies interested in establishing cooperation and stimulate creation of partnerships. This project will be implemented in Silesia region of Poland.

Website

<http://www.haus.pl>

Organization

Association Kultura Miejska

Project Name

[Partnership for Wrzeszcz](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 40,000.00

Grant Period

April 01, 2008 - June 01, 2009

Project Description

The project addresses the growing problem of "rootless" citizens of Wrzeszcz. The main overall goal of this program is the process of democratization in Wrzeszcz. The project aims to consolidate local community for common integrative actions, stimulate participation of local activists in the decision-making process, strengthen the spirit of belonging to the local community and responsibility for its development. The grantee will map citizens' needs and expectations, prepare innovative mechanisms to mobilize citizens to initiate bottom-up integrative actions, and will define strategy for the future. The project creates cross-sector partnerships involving representatives of NGOs, educational, scientific and cultural institutions.

Website

<http://www.kulturamiejska.pl>

Organization

Karta Center Foundation

Project Name

[The Archival Emergency Service as a Rescue Endangered Archival Holdings and Vanishing Activity of Civil Society](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 30,000.00

Grant Period

April 01,2008 - March 01,2009

Project Description

The aim of the project is to rescue the archival collections threatened with destruction and oblivion and to increase the social awareness of the historical value of private archival holdings. Activities of the project include: professional cataloguing and digitization of archive materials, creating the Archival Emergency Service website, and providing a free access to the collected archival materials for history researchers and all interested groups.

Website

<http://www.karta.org.pl>

Organization Name Komenski Foundation
Project Name Citizen Child Project
Amount Awarded USD 90,000
Grant Period June 2,2008 - May 30,2010
Project Description The project was developed as a response to the need for civic education addressed to the youngest generation. The objective of the project is to encourage local communities to treat children as full right citizens whose voice matters for the provision of enhanced-quality early development and education services. The grantee hopes to ensure opportunities for children to voice their views in matters related to them, especially in education, and to teach adults to accommodate genuine needs of children in local education policy. The project will be implemented in five communities in cooperation with local authorities, NGOs, teachers, parents and children.

Website <http://www.frd.org.pl>

Organization Name Polish Donors Forum
Project Name Institutional Support
Amount Awarded USD 100,000
Grant Period August 1,2008 - January 31,2010
Project Description The purpose of the grant is to help increase institutional capacity and outreach of the Polish Donors Forum. The CEE Trust grant will contribute to the development of the PDF programs, initiatives and services aimed to:

- expand Forum's membership base
- provide support and leadership in Polish donors' community
- promote high standards of giving
- and cultivate enabling environment for the development of institutionalized philanthropy in Poland and in Europe.

Website www.forumdarczynow.pl

Organization Name Association 61
Project Name Participation of the CEE Trust's Beneficiaries in the "Res Publica Civilis" Conference
Amount Awarded USD 35,800
Grant Period September 15,2008 - October 30,2008
Project Description The grant enabled participation of the CEE Trust's beneficiaries in the "Res Publica Civilis" Conference, which was a part of The Polish Forum for Non-Governmental Initiatives – one of the most important events in the Polish third sector. The project aimed to create an opportunity for NGOs from Central and Eastern Europe to get acquainted with Polish non-governmental sector and the problems and challenges associated with building of civil society in Poland. The grantee also hoped to enable the exchange of

experiences, inspirations and contacts between organizations focused on similar thematic fields.

Website <http://art61.pl>

Organization Name Legal Clinics Foundation
Project Name Development of the Centrum Pro Bono
Amount Awarded USD 25,000
Grant Period October 20,2008 – December 31,2009
Project Description The grantee aspires to create a comprehensive legal umbrella over non-profit organizations. Centrum Pro Bono is intended to serve NGOs in matters concerning their operational issues, which fall within the scope of the law firms specialization i.e. taxes, civil and commercial issues, public procurement, administrative and labor law. The Institution links NGOs with law firms willing to provide pro bono legal aid and offers law firms participating in the program clear-cut cases, which best suite their field of specialization and interest. Centrum Pro Bono also undertakes various educational projects addressed to non-profit organizations and lobbies for favorable fiscal incentives for pro bono work and philanthropy. The grantee plans to maintain its role in two realms – to become a gateway for NGOs to the professional legal resources and to be the main pro bono cases provider to the law firms.

Website www.fupp.org.pl

Organization Name Association 61
Project Name The Right to Know - Civil Web Portal about Parliamentarians
Amount Awarded USD 100,000
Grant Period November 1,2008 – October 30,2009
Project Description The main goal of the project is to build the information website mamprawowiedziec.pl. – as a transparent system of publicly available information about people performing elective public functions in Poland (their activities and parliamentary decisions). The grantee would like to mobilize civic activity by means of the internet and thus persuade Poles to take an active part in their country's democratic processes and mechanisms. By means of an independent information website, Association 61 wants to increase Polish voters' knowledge about their representatives and the rights they posses in citizen-state relations. The grantee also hopes to encourage citizens to take an active part in public life by means of verifying politicians' views, actions and electoral promises as well as initiating civic debate.

Website <http://art61.pl>

Organization Name Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights
Project Name Strategic Litigation in Poland on Human Rights - Establishing a Permanent, Stable and Self-financing Program

Amount Awarded USD 200,000.00
Grant Period January 1,2009 – December 31,2010
Project Description The project aims to strengthen the rule of law and human rights protection in Poland through involvement of business entities, civil society groups and individuals in strategic litigation. The grantee also intends to obtain a complete financial independence of the Strategic Litigation Program in a way to establish a permanent, stable and safe-finance institution. The program supports all major human rights cases in Poland. It coordinates cases concerning such matters as freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, personal liberty, right to court, access to legal aid, rights of prisoners, or workers rights. The program not only attains important and standard setting judgments, but also show-cases problems and stimulates public discussion.

Website www.hfhrpol.waw.pl

Organization Name Klon/Jawor Association
Project Name www.ngo.pl
Amount Awarded USD 50,000
Grant Period January 1, 009 – December 31, 009
Project Description Ngo.pl is a non-governmental information system composed of:

- the NGO pl portal (www.ngo.pl), which is the largest free source of knowledge about the third sector in Poland and a working tool for the organizations of this sector
- a database of NGOs and institutions
- the Internet website free.ngo.pl (WWW and e-mail accounts, and a simple webpage wizard for free)
- the NGO monthly gazeta.ngo.pl
- publications from the '3w*' series, aimed at counselling
- the Russian language website rus.ngo.pl, with basic information on the third sector and a database of organizations that cooperate with the East.

The grant will support the plan for 2008-2010 and will contribute to the evolutionary change in the concept of the ngo.pl.

Website <http://klon.org.pl/>

Romania

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Organization Association for Community Relations (ARC)
Project Name [“Fundraising is Ready for the Big Game!”](#)
Amount Awarded USD 25,000.00
Grant Period November 01,2008 - March 31,2009
Project Description The project aims to develop an active and dynamic community of fundraising practitioners that can build models for fundraising

practice in Romania, by:

- consolidating the internal organization of APARTE network to respond to current and future needs of its members for development of their practice and involvement in common activities;
- involving APARTE network members in common activities for the improvement of their practice and of the communication of the network (in the framework of the National Fundraising Conference).

Website

www.arcromania.ro

Organization

Romanian Donors Forum (RDF)

Project Name

[The Donors Community in Romania](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 75,668.00

Grant Period

November 01,2008 - November 01,2009

Project Description

The project aims to:

- develop a membership base and enhance communication and mutual learning among members, find areas for possible coordination, promote RDF and its membership.
- develop and offer programs and services for corporations and others wishing to engage in organized philanthropy and/or establish foundations or corporate giving programs. Improve the mutual cooperation and partnerships between corporate and other donors.
- promote the development of organized philanthropy in Romania through encouraging high standards and good practice within philanthropic organizations.

Website

<http://www.donorsforum.ro>

Organization

Komunitas Association

Project Name

[Mobile Cinema - Images Connecting People](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 9,970.00

Grant Period

October 01,2008 - April 01,2009

Project Description

The project aims to:

- expose young people to ideas and arguments against discrimination, using audio-video media as a method of informal education
- promote "do-it-yourself" techniques among young people as a method of empowerment, self-expressing and fighting against stereotypes
- involve young people in film producing based on local problematic social realities in order to raise social solidarity and an active attitude against discrimination
- facilitate access to media products for young people.

Website

<http://www.komunitas.ro>

Organization Local Development Group (GDL)
Project Name [Sustaining Community Involvement in Urban Planning](#)
Amount Awarded USD 59,996.00
Grant Period October 01,2008 - September 01,2009
Project Description The project aims to:

- increase capacity of selected local NGOs to advise the local governments in the implementation of new norms and procedures for community involvement in urban planning and land development, and to monitor the implementation of these norms;
- improve capacity of the selected local communities to involve citizens in the urban and land use planning;
- increase accountability of the pilot municipalities in the matter and raise capacity to develop and approve urban plans according to community needs, preferences and suggestions.

Website <http://www.gdl.ro>

Organization Romanian National Alliance for Rare Diseases (RONARD)
Project Name [Rare Diseases Solidarity Project](#)
Amount Awarded USD 35,000.00
Grant Period October 01,2008 - September 01,2009
Project Description The project aims to bring together people with different backgrounds and areas of expertise for cooperative efforts to develop the newly established RONARD, by:

- training member organizations of the alliance in organizational development;
- creating a supportive environment for cooperative work in benefit of patients with rare diseases;
- promoting exchange of experience and best practices among members.

Organization "Ioan Jebelean" Theoretical High School
Project Name [Volunteers Club](#)
Amount Awarded USD 1,700.00
Grant Period September 01,2008 - February 01,2009
Project Description The project aims to:

- encourage and provide opportunities for students to participate in a volunteers' club;
- increase cooperative efforts between town mayoralty and high school students for the benefit of the community;
- maximize community resources and build a caring school community.

Organization Center Education 2000+
Project Name [Promoting civic rights at school level](#)

Amount Awarded USD 50,000.00
Grant Period September 01, 2008 - September 01, 2009
Project Description The project aims to:

- increase the civic participation of young students in identifying and solving the problems of their communities through civic participation activities;
- facilitate direct contact between young citizens and representatives of local governments;
- develop informal education as an alternative and supplement to formal education of young people from 10 schools.

Website <http://www.cedu.ro>

Organization United Way of Romania Foundation
Project Name [Expansion of United Way model of corporate philanthropy and employees' engagement to two other regions of Romania](#)

Amount Awarded USD 99,575.00
Grant Period September 01,2008 - February 01,2010
Project Description The project aims to:

- establish a United Way presence in two other regions of Romania (Timis and Cluj);
- involve at least 40 volunteers (mainly corporate) in planning and implementing a first fundraising campaign, and in funds' allocation;
- run a pilot workplace campaign in the two cities in 2009;
- financially support local social NGOs, as a result of the fundraising campaign;
- prepare the second campaign (2010), doubling the number of involved volunteers and companies, the amount raised and no. of benefiting NGOs.

Website <http://www.unitedway.ro>

Organization Terra Mileniul III
Project Name [Think Green Policies](#)
Amount Awarded USD 109,940.00
Grant Period June 01, 2008 - November 01, 2009

Project Description The project aims to:

- raise politicians' awareness on the need to include environmental protection on their agenda;
- improve consultation between environmental NGOs and politicians (MPs and political parties' representatives) in the policy-making process;
- raise public awareness on the environmental components of the 2008 electoral agendas of main political parties in Romania;
- develop the capacity of environmental NGOs to carry out

advocacy activities on environmental policy making.

Website <http://terraiii.ngo.ro>

Organization Centre for Independent Journalism (CJI)

Project Name [Media Self-regulation at work](#)

Amount Awarded USD 100,000.00

Grant Period May 01,2008 - October 31,2009

Project Description The project aims to:

- endow the media community with the right tools for increasing the quality of journalism, the media freedom and independence, their transparency and accountability, by developing common self-regulation policies and implementation mechanisms;
- increase the unity and the coherence of the media professionals, in order to consolidate the public trust in the "journalistic profession".

Website www.cji.ro

Organization Centre for Legal Resources (CRJ)

Project Name [Developing Watchdog Capacities of Local NGOs](#)

Amount Awarded USD 148,000.00

Grant Period May 01,2008 - April 01,2010

Project Description The project's goal is to develop the local NGOs', local journalists' and citizens' monitoring and complaining capacities on seven key issues: public procurement, conflicts of interests, incompatibilities, transparency of decision-making process, and access to information, whistleblower protection, and the relationship with the National Integrity Agency (ANI). The means to develop these capacities will be trainings, legal assistance, and complaining and litigation resources.

Website <http://www.cri.ro>

Organization Freedom House Romania

Project Name [The Initiative for a Clean Justice \(ICJ\)](#)

Amount Awarded USD 100,000.00

Grant Period May 01, 2008 - April 01, 2010

Project Description The project aims to:

- assess the judiciary activity efficiency regarding organized crime and corruption;
- assess the progress of the anticorruption and judiciary reform policies;
- support the magistrates in view of their free associating and creating a proactive attitude among them;
- contribute to the observance of the highest standards of integrity with respect to top leading magistrates;
- improve the journalists' specialization on judiciary issues

Website <http://www.freedomhouse.ro>

Organization Opportunity Associates Romania (OAR)

Project Name [Practice Good Practice](#)

Amount Awarded USD 125,000.00

Grant Period May 01,2008 - April 01,2010

Project Description The project aims to:

- increase the number of NGO members of the existing Coalition for Good Practices from 40 to 200 in 2 years;
- educate the Romanian NGO sector, business community, authorities, media and donors on the importance and benefits of adopting best practices in the non profit sector;
- provide technical assistance to current and prospective members of the coalition;
- transfer “know how” on developing best practices from/to other countries in the region.

Website <http://www.oar.ro>

Organization Euroregional Center for Democracy

Project Name [Ensuring Financial Sustainability for NGOs from Local Budgets](#)

Amount Awarded USD 35,030.00

Grant Period May 01,2008 - April 01,2009

Project Description The goal of this project is to ensure an improved mechanism for public funding of NGOs from local budgets in the counties Timis, Arad and Caras –Severin, by:

- evaluating the current implementation of the laws granting non-reimbursable contracts from public funds to NGOs (Law 350/2005) and to youth projects (Law 350/2006);
- ensuring that legal rules and procedures regarding the availability of public funding are adequately publicized, and that the application and selection processes are fair and transparent.

Website <http://www.regionalnet.org>

Organization Foundation PACT - Partnership for Community Action and Transformation

Project Name [Learning, Participation, Trust - Developing Community-Based Organizations in the South of Romania](#)

Amount Awarded USD 120,000.00

Grant Period May 01,2008 - October 01,2009

Project Description The goal of this project is to empower citizens belonging to disadvantaged communities in the Southern part of Romania to act towards building participatory civil society structures and work for the development of their communities and regions, by:

- strengthening the capacity of 5 NGOs active in the region to facilitate citizens’ empowerment in 4 neighboring

communities

- building capacity of 20 new community groups to work in a participatory manner with community members, to communicate amongst themselves and with various social and political actors.

Website <http://www.fundatiapact.ro>

Organization Romani CRISS – Roma Center for Social Intervention and Studies

Project Name [Youth against discrimination](#)

Amount Awarded USD 150,000.00

Grant Period May 01,2008 - February 01,2009

Project Description The goal of the project is to civically engage and mobilize high-school students in public debate and policy changes towards controversial issues such as acceptance of Roma people, HIV/AIDS infected people, sexual minorities, by involving 1500 high school students and teachers to research and debate the topics of the project.

Website <http://www.romanicriss.org>

Organization Institute for Public Policy (IPP)

Project Name [They \(should\) Work for You - Learn how to Evaluate Your Local Councilors](#)

Amount Awarded USD 59,670.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - December 01,2008

Project Description The project aims at creating a set of efficient monitoring tools for measuring local elected officials' mandate performance in – between elections, during electoral periods and six months after elections - with the direct scope of empowering civil society to accurately scrutinize the local governance act and hold elected representatives accountable for their work.

Website <http://www.ipp.ro>

Organization The Advocacy Academy Association (AAA)

Project Name [CONSENSUS – Strengthening the Development of Public Policies through Stakeholders Input, an Effective and Responsible Exercise of Democratic Powers](#)

Amount Awarded USD 90,244.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - March 01,2009

Project Description The project aims to raise the accountability of Ministerial Public Policy Units and increasing the ability and knowledge of civil society to participate effectively and valuably in the process of elaborating, implementing, monitoring and evaluating the public policy process, by:

- creating a unitary tool for PP monitoring and evaluation and a unitary methodology as a basic standard for all stakeholders;

- testing and applying the new tools developed on the Government 3 budgetary priorities.

Website <http://www.advocacy.ro>

Organization Community Support Foundation (FSC)

Project Name [Senior Citizens in Action for a Better Future](#)

Amount Awarded USD 50,793.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - March 01,2009

Project Description The project aims to raise awareness at the level of all community stakeholders on the quality of life, the needs and the perspectives of the old population in Bacau County, by:

- setting up and training a group of 50 active senior citizens to become a catalyst for change;
- promoting the image, the needs and the achievements of the older person through a regional seminar and editing, printing and distributing the "Newspaper of the seniors";
- initiating communication between the target group and the Ministries in Bucharest.

Website <http://www.fsc.ro>

Organization The Science Community Foundation of Prahova (FOS)

Project Name [We, the Citizens](#)

Amount Awarded USD 30,000.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - March 01,2009

Project Description The project aims to:

- establish a consultative structure of informal leaders of citizens from Ploiesti;
- raise awareness among 2,000 citizens from Ploiesti about their involvement in decision making processes regarding the community;
- raise the level of citizens' involvement in decision-making processes in order to raise the efficiency of local public services.

Website <http://www.fosph.go.ro>

Organization Association for Community Development Nehoiu (ACDN)

Project Name [Cross-sectoral Cooperation for Extension of Citizens' Participation Model in Rural Areas, in Buzau County](#)

Amount Awarded USD 26,600.00

Grant Period April 01, 2008 - March 01, 2009

Project Description The project aims to:

- extend, validate and advocate for adoption, in 5 communes in Buzau County, of the citizens' participation model elaborated in Nehoiu in the previous project funded by CEE Trust;
- initiate knowledge sharing and experience exchange

- between villages in Buzau County;
- consolidate the participative attitude of citizens in Nehoiu area as a nucleus for development of rural civil society in Buzau County;
- develop a “tutorial model” for rural capacity building.

Organization Roma ACCESS Association
Project Name [Your Vote Is Important – Don’t Waste It!](#)
Amount Awarded USD 44,400.00
Grant Period April 01,2008 - March 01,2009
Project Description The project aims to:

- educate Roma communities about the importance of expressing an informed, personal and correct vote;
- raise awareness among Roma communities about the delegation of power and the accountability of their elected representatives;
- combat illegal practices of political parties in trying to “buy” the Roma community’s vote.

Website <http://www.stop-segregation.ro>

Organization Alternative Sociale Association (AAS)
Project Name [Greater Effectiveness for the Work of the Magistrates' NGOs](#)
Amount Awarded USD 85,000.00
Grant Period April 01,2008 - March 01,2009
Project Description The project aims to:

- develop the abilities of 20 Romanian magistrates’ associations to develop effective advocacy, public relations and creative sustainability mechanisms;
- coach small scale initiatives of 10 magistrates’ NGOs to in order to strengthen the above mentioned abilities and to raise the capacity of the magistrates’ NGOs to attract new members;
- create, print and disseminate a resource manual on advocacy, raising social awareness and creative sustainability mechanisms for NGOs.

Website <http://www.alternativesociale.ro>

Organization Integratio Foundation
Project Name [Better School Life - Prepared Citizens. Leadership, Organizational and Animator Training for Student Councils and their Active Members](#)
Amount Awarded USD 14,000.00
Grant Period April 01,2008 - December 01,2008
Project Description The project aims to:

- improve the organizational structure of the student councils, in order to increase their efficiency and their presence in the

school's life;

- form and develop leadership-skills, interpersonal and pro-social attitudes among the members of the student councils;
- strengthen the social awareness of high school students by the inclusion of school leaders, youth animators and by financing their projects.

Website <http://www.integratio.ro>

Organization Save the Children Romania

Project Name Youth Civic Participation

Amount Awarded USD 68,900.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - February 01,2009

Project Description The project aims to:

- create and train a national training network of 60 active young people, who will disseminate the information on civic participation among their peers in 15 counties;
- inform 25.000 young people on their participation rights and ways to assume civic responsibility;
- empower 300 teachers to act as promoters of civic active citizenship;
- improve the relationship between the beneficiaries and decision-makers.

Website <http://www.salvaticopiii.ro>

Organization CeRe - Resource Center for Public Participation

Project Name [A Prize to Participation](#)

Amount Awarded USD 44,920.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - February 01,2009

Project Description The project aims to:

- create and promote on-line instruments for NGOs and public institutions to include their public participation stories in an on-line data base;
- promote the public participation concept, identify and document at least 30 successful stories of public participation processes conducted by NGOs, public institutions or even citizens' groups;
- promote and award the best 10 public participation success stories within a public event;
- promote the successful stories to the relevant public (practitioners, public officials, public servants, NGO activists, academic environment, etc).

Website <http://www.ce-re.ro>

Organization Romanian Academic Society (SAR)

Project Name [Coalition for Clean Universities \(CCU\) – Enforcing a set of Principles to Strengthen the Integrity and Quality in the Romanian University](#)

Amount Awarded	Education System USD 95,500.00
Grant Period	April 01,2008 - May 01,2009
Project Description	The project aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - promote good practices and standards such as Administrative Probity, Academic Probity, Democratic Governance, Academic Governance, and Sound Finances by monitoring and assessing these elements; - enhance the level of integrity in the Romanian tertiary education by exposing those universities in which imposture, nepotism, plagiarism, and corruption are reported as regularly practices; - create a breakthrough model from which various stakeholders can amplify their demands concerning the integrity and quality standards within Romanian higher education system.
Website	http://www.sar.org.ro
Organization	Transylvanian Carpathia Society – Satu Mare (TCS)
Project Name	Strengthening the Civil Society - Saving the Nature
Amount Awarded	USD 61,560.00
Grant Period	March 01,2008 - October 01,2009
Project Description	The project aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - build capacity of environmental NGOs who are administrators of protected areas to improve their ability to ensure a participative management of their administrated territories; - establish a coalition trough a participative planning process formed by at least 30 NGOs who are administrators of protected areas.
Website	http://www.eke.ro
Organization	Public Policy Centre
Project Name	Transparent County Councils!?
Amount Awarded	USD 45,000.00
Grant Period	March 01,2008 - January 01,2009
Project Description	The project aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - assess and improve the current state of affairs regarding performance reporting practices of Romanian county level political decision makers; - enhance policy-learning among local decision makers in performance reporting and the publishing of assessment results; - showcase best practice in performance reporting and directly target political decision makers with assessment results and recommendations on how to improve their

performance reports;

- raise public awareness on performance reporting practices of political decision makers.

Website <http://www.cenpo.ro>

Organization Asociatia Pro Democratia (Pro Democracy Association)

Project Name Education for Democracy

Amount Awarded USD 99,980

Grant Period September 01,2008 – February 28,2010

Project Description The project aims to:

- elaborate an educational kit for an optional course “Education for Democracy” addressed to 9th grade high school students;
- train teachers according to a course methodology to teach the course in 21 high schools in Romania;
- measure the impact of the course and modify it in accordance with the findings;
- advocate to the Ministry of Education, Research and Youth and the School Inspectorates to introduce an optional course “Education for democracy” in all the high schools in Romania.

Website www.apd.ro

Slovakia

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Organization ISA Slovakia

Project Name [Watch Dog Activities and Raising Awareness on Environmental Critical Issues](#)

Amount Awarded USD 7,000.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - May 01,2009

Project Description This project addresses the problem of insufficient participation of the environmental NGOs in the decision making processes in the environmental field. The project aims to:

- develop partnerships between civic associations, Slovak inspection of the environment, government agencies and citizens;
- increase public participation and foster civic engagement and importance of environmental NGOs, - improve awareness about urban vegetation issues and challenges through events and educational activities, - engage relevant legislative processes that will ensure appropriate trees protection in the city and public participation in decision making processes in the field of nature protection.

Website <http://www.isa-arbor.sk>

Organization Project Forum
Project Name [Salon for Centre and East](#)
Amount Awarded USD 45,000.00
Grant Period April 01,2008 - March 01,2009
Project Description The project aims to address the continuing mutual ignorance of intellectual elites of CEE countries that are reluctant to share their knowledge and experience among each other. Consequently, articles written by top Eastern European essayists and scholars are extensively being published in Western press, but only rarely reach the Central and East European readership. The grantee addresses this problem by running internet portal, which includes a daily updated survey of newspaper articles, and a regular weekly survey of articles published in influential weeklies and magazines with links to the original versions of the articles.

Website <http://www.salon.eu.sk>

Organization INESS - Institute of Economic and Social Studies
Project Name [The Price of the State](#)
Amount Awarded USD 46,000.00
Grant Period April 01,2008 - March 01,2010
Project Description This project is an extension of already existing internet portal The Price of the State (www.cenastatu.sk), which concentrates the accurate and actual information on particular components of Slovak public finance. The grantee will introduce this portal to the high school and university students to improve their knowledge of the most important rules in public finance, and assist them in finding precise information they might need in their current and future studies. Within the project newly designed teaching tools will be distributed, and the grantee will also provide lectures for teachers and students in selected schools and universities.

Website <http://www.iness.sk>

Organization Milan Šimečka Foundation
Project Name [Developing Independent Roma Public Policy Capacities in Slovakia](#)
Amount Awarded USD 60,000.00
Grant Period April 01,2008 - September 01,2009
Project Description Overall goal of the program is to increase quality of Roma public policy in Slovakia. The project aims to: raise awareness and visibility of Roma issues, increase pressure on national and local governments, engage new actors in public policy making by trainings and providing access to decision makers, implement various participatory forms at all levels, empower Romani communities and local Romani and pro-Romani NGOs, develop independent think-tank and watch-dog organizations. This project is continuation of already existing program and will allow increasing

its effectiveness through the capacity building of the Foundation, which will improve sustainability of the project in the future.

Website

<http://www.nadaciamilanasidecku.sk>

Organization

Institute for Public Affairs

Project Name

[Improving civil society's competence and ability to influence the future of public service media as the source of correct information for informed citizens, the space to increase sensitivity to populism and the social cohesion factor](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 50,000.00

Grant Period

April 01,2008 - December 01,2008

Project Description

The aim of the project is to create a relevant group of experts that will be able to generate and promote solutions when defining future conditions for desired functioning of public service media. With the help from the media, this group of experts should increase public awareness about desired future development of PSM. Through this it will contribute to implementing expert solutions in the process of adopting final legislative on conditions for functioning of public service media. The program is expected to create a policy paper that will sum up the condition of PSM as well as views and expectations of citizens and stakeholders, and simultaneously outline goals for PSM and ways of achieving them.

Website

<http://www.ivo.sk>

Organization

1st. Slovak Non-profit Service Center

Project Name

[Developing Legal Framework for Volunteering in Slovakia](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 50,000.00

Grant Period

April 01,2008 - July 01,2009

Project Description

The aim of the project is to prepare favorable environment for volunteering based on broad discussion and engagement of all relevant stakeholders such as Volunteerism Center in Slovakia, host organizations, volunteers, ministries, and businesses. The grantee hopes to achieve this aim through: expert discussions and public debates, analysis of socio-economical costs/benefits and legal issues of volunteering in Slovakia, preparing expert draft of legal solutions for volunteering development.

Website

<http://www.1snc.sk>

Organization

Slovak Donors' Forum

Project Name

[Shout, Maybe They will Hear You!](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 26,000.00

Grant Period

April 01,2008 - March 01,2009

Project Description

The project intends to stimulate citizens' engagement in activities of the civil society actors by improvement of NGOs' public communication skills and performance. The activities of the project include trainings and consultations for NGOs' representatives

focusing on the development of communication skills, brand-building, PR and media relations. The program is expected to improve transparency and visibility of NGOs and their activities, and to contribute to the professional development of NGOs representatives.

Website <http://www.donorsforum.sk>

Organization Pontis Foundation

Project Name [In the Same Boat](#)

Amount Awarded USD 50,000.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - March 01,2009

Project Description The project aims to promote philanthropy by using innovative methods of authentic communication that is accepted by youth. The grantee will release three series of videos available at the project website: - Good Idea Counts - presenting positive results of successful and innovative projects of Slovak NGOs from a broadminded and forward thinking perspective, - Alternative Music and Openmindedness - showing examples how Slovak original production supports tolerance, acceptance and non-judgmental attitude, - Involvement of Slovak NGOs Abroad - illustrating where, why and how Slovak NGOs decided to help, share experience in building civil society, and contribute to democratization process. The project will be run by new enthusiastic group of individuals supported by firmly established Pontis Foundation. The grantee hopes this project will support broader concept of civil society understood as the arena of unstructured collective action around shared interests, purposes and values.

Website <http://www.pontisfoundation.sk>

Organization Public Policy Institute

Project Name [PPI Democracy Watchdog](#)

Amount Awarded USD 15,000.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - September 01,2008

Project Description The aim of the project is to create a „Democracy Watchdog“, which will monitor and analyze legislation, also including verbal and nonverbal speaking manner of representatives. The main topic will be monitoring and analysis of proposed draft laws that may lead to the limitation of democratic principals, individual freedom, and may hamper Euro-Atlantic direction of Slovakia.

Website <http://www.publipi.eu>

Organization Civic Association TATRY

Project Name [We are More than a Match for Dumps!](#)

Amount Awarded USD 15,000.00

Grant Period April 01,2008 - March 01,2009

Project Description This program addresses the problem of environment pollution

caused by low awareness of local people about possibilities of waste treatment. The main aim of the project is to create a network of active school groups at primary and secondary schools of Slovakia, which would dedicate themselves to educational and monitoring activities within their local community. They will engage in advertising of waste separation and energy saving measures, monitor illegal human activities and negative human impact on the environment in their surroundings. The program is expected to increase the sensibility of people to environmental protection and contribute to improvement of the state of natural environment in local communities.

Website

<http://www.ekokompas.host.sk>

Organization

INEKO - Institute for economic and social reforms

Project Name

[Slovak Press Watch - Media Watchdog](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 50,000.00

Grant Period

April 01,2008 - March 01,2009

Project Description

The main goal of the project is improvement of quality and ethics of the Slovak media. The project will provide regular feedback on media work, encourage critical thinking and real public debate about Slovak media, and will educate young media experts. It will increase media capacity to practice investigative journalism, and thus strengthen their controlling function. The grantee hopes this project will improve accountability of public institutions, and will increase pressure to solve some of the crucial problems of public governance. Activities within the project include: media monitoring and publishing comments on media work, preparing investigative articles and reports, providing lectures and internships for journalism students.

Website

<http://www.ineko.sk>

Organization

League of Human Rights Advocates

Project Name

[Using Strategic Litigation and Human Rights Advocacy to Promote Equality and Non-discrimination](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 35,000.00

Grant Period

April 01, 2008 - March 01, 2009

Project Description

The project addresses the problem of social and economic injustice affecting the Roma and Slovak citizens of color. The grantee aims to raise awareness of racial discrimination and intolerance on the part of the national Police force, administrative and judicial organs through nationwide monitoring, documenting and reporting on human rights situation. The program will employ strategic litigation and human rights advocacy, and will provide free (pro bono) legal representation and counseling to victims of human rights abuse. This project is expected to contribute to confidence-building among target groups and to encourage implementation of anti discrimination legislation by court judges, prosecutors and

administrative institutions.

Website

<http://www.lhra-icpr.org>

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Organization

Studio 12 – Production of Multimedia Content

Project Name

[Independent Online Interactive Television as Media Support Platform for Civil Society](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 99,748.00

Grant Period

February 01,2009 - January 31,2010

Project Description

The project aims to strengthen and expand the media coverage and public recognition of social topics focusing on issues and activities of NGOs and civil society, that have sustainable and educative value for the general society, by:

- publicizing those particular social topics;
- providing sustainable multimedia coverage, support and on-line TV platform for the civil society organizations' initiatives and activities in order to establish democratic channels for general public activism, social pressures and social change;
- providing the international recognition of good media practice and promotion of the independent civil society media concept.

Website

www.s12.si

Organization

Peace Institute – Institute for Contemporary Social and Political Studies (PI)

Project Name

[Building Capacity for Pro Bono Practice of Lawyers in Slovenia](#)

Amount Awarded

USD 99,386.22

Grant Period

June 01,2008 - May 01,2010

Project Description

The project aims to:

- map the existence of pro bono practice in Slovenia and the interest and capacity of lawyers to accept such work;
- promote pro bono practice within legal community and increase knowledge of its benefits for firms and the society;
- build partnership nationally and internationally among NGOs, Bar Association, Human Rights Ombudsman, professors, law firms, corporations and individual lawyers willing to engage in pro bono practice;
- strengthen the support system for pro bono practice by establishing a clearinghouse and providing cases to lawyers.

Website

<http://www.mirovni-institut.si>

Organization Legal Informational Centre for NGOs Slovenia (PIC)
Project Name [Empowerment of NGOs for active public participation in Slovenia](#)
Amount Awarded USD 95,299.00
Grant Period May 01,2008 - April 01,2010
Project Description The project aims to:
1. Build NGO capacity by:
- providing legal expert support and acting as a sector catalyst in drafting and collecting comments to draft legislation and strategic documents, offering also individual legal advise and e-participation tools;
- increasing NGOs knowledge on public participation mechanisms, legislative process, direct democracy instruments, e-participation tools, etc. on local, national and European level;
- raising awareness on the importance of public participation in public affairs, within the NGO sector, state institutions, media and general public.

2. Improve the monitoring system by:
- upgrading the existing methodology of the Mirror to the Government reflecting identified shortcomings and other needs.

Website <http://www.pic.si>

Organization Name Community Foundation of Pomurje
Project Name Development of CF of Pomurje Local Grantmaking
Amount Awarded USD 29,000
Grant Period February 15,2008 - December 31,2008
Project Description CF of Pomurje will make at least 10 local grants to grassroots organizations in different areas, which were identified as important for the civil society of Pomurje region. The priority areas of grantmaking include: development of NGO entrepreneurship, work with vulnerable groups, and improvement of NGO networking, environmental protection and sustainable development.

Website <http://lrf.ra-sinergija.si/>

Organization Name Community Foundation Vincenc Draksler
Project Name Development of CF Vincenc Draksler's Local Grantmaking
Amount Awarded USD 30,000
Grant Period March 1,2008 – December 31,2008
Project Description CF Vincenc Draksler will make from 10 to 15 local grants to grassroots organizations in different areas, which were identified as important for the civil society of Gorenjska region. The funded projects will contribute to the solution of

problems in the field of social care and health and prevention of different kinds of addiction. They will also upgrade the knowledge of local NGOs in the field of project management, and contribute to the start up of networking among NGOs. Last, but not least, the grants will help to upgrade the donors network of the CF, and increase the awareness of the general public about its work.

Website

www.omamljen.si

CROSS-BORDER INITIATIVE

Organization Civil Society Development Foundation (CSDF/FDSC), Romania
Project Name [“Time To Meet” - Black Sea NGO Forum](#) CBI/2008/09
Amount Awarded USD 7,200.00
Project Description The project addresses the lack of mutual contact, communication and knowledge among the NGOs in the Black Sea region and all the consequences. Through various activities within the project the following objectives will be achieved:

- increase the knowledge of Romanian and Bulgarian NGOs on the regional context and actors;
- increase the exchange of information between Romanian and Bulgarian NGOs;
- increase the exchange among Romanian and Bulgarian NGOs about good practices and problems coming from the new status of ‘donor’ countries.

Website

www.fdsc.ro

Organization Public Interest Law Institute, Hungary
Project Name [NGO Participation at European Pro Bono Forum \(2008, 2009, 2010\)](#)
Amount Awarded USD 25,000.00
Project Description This three year long project proposes to develop pro bono practice in CEE target countries so that NGOs in the region have ongoing access to quality legal services provided by law firms, law offices and in-house legal counsel over the long-term through the annual European Pro Bono Forum. Activities will include:

- underwrite the travel, hotel and conference fees for 5 NGO representatives per year from CEE Trust target countries;
- collaborate with the selected NGOs to bring concrete legal needs to the Forum and facilitate the assignment of these pro bono matters to law firms at the event;
- ensure the Forum agenda addresses the needs of NGOs, and provide networking opportunities for NGOs to meet and establish relationships with law firms; and

- oversee a collaborative effort with local Clearinghouses to organize and conduct a sidebar capacity-building meeting focused on clearinghouse best practices, troubleshooting and outreach strategies.

Website	www.pili.org
Organization	Slovo 21 CBI/2008/06
Project Name	The International Workshop for Young Roma "We are on the Long Way"
Amount Awarded	USD 17,000.00
Project Description	The presented project reacts to the need of involving young Roma NGO activists into effective participation in decision making processes influencing position of Roma in Europe. Within project 20 young Roma from Central and South – Eastern Europe will be participating in international workshop that will address crucial issues of Roma participation, with the goal of bigger involvement of these people in decision making processes. Workshop will address concrete needs of its participants and will concentrate on practical skills how to create, realize and evaluate project addressing issues of Roma. As a result four projects should be created and realized by participants from different parts of Europe.
Website	www.slovo21.cz
Organization	Association of Sociology Students at the Sofia University, Bulgaria
Project Name	New forms of Human Rights and Civil Activity in 21st century – Summer School
Amount Awarded	USD 16,500.00
Project Description	<p>The project envisages organizing a Spring School and a public event, related to the new forms of human rights and civil activities in 21st century. It aims at increasing awareness of the young sociologists and NGO activists from the region (Central and Eastern Europe) about these new forms of rights and their defense in the civil society. This knowledge will help the young sociologists in their sociological reflection upon the specificity of contemporary civil society and at the same time will stimulate them to organize open schools for debating these rights among wider young public.</p> <p>Most of the participants in the Spring School will be members of the European Sociology Students Association(ESSA) network. ESSA is an umbrella organization of local NGOs, each of which has its connections and partners. Similar events are held annually and one of their main goals is to strengthen the links between students and NGO activists, to bring together young people with similar interests and to reproduce and foster the already established network. ESSA members are mainly from Eastern and Central Europe, so it will be possible for the participants to share specific regional problems and solutions from the field of civic rights, and to strengthen youth</p>

participation and involvement in the policy making and civic initiatives.

Website	http://www.asssu.eu/
Organization	Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (HFHR), Poland
Project Name	International Seminar of Central and Eastern Europe NGOs on Strategic Litigation
Amount Awarded	\$23,500
Project Description	<p>International Seminar of Central and Eastern Europe NGOs on Strategic Litigation will be an opportunity to promote the idea of strategic litigation and to share the opinions and experiences. Our goal is to present strategic litigation as one of the most powerful tools to strengthen the human rights protection and to encourage CEE NGOs to successfully select and litigate strategic cases in their own countries.</p> <p>Implementation of the project would be the responsibility of the Strategic Litigation Program of Helsinki Foundation For Human Rights. The Program (www.hfhr.org.pl/precedens) started to operate in October 2004. Within the Strategic Litigation Program, the HFHR initiates or joins court and administrative proceedings of strategic importance. Through its participation in those proceedings, the HFHR strives to obtain breakthrough judgments that will change the practice or legal regulations concerning particular legal issues, which raise serious doubts from the point of view of human rights protection. The HFHR achieved a number of significant successes within the above Program, including precedent judgments of the Polish Constitutional Court and the European Court of Human Rights.</p> <p>The Strategic Litigation Program is currently sponsored by the Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe. It also collaborates on a permanent basis with 7 law firms located in Warsaw.</p>
Website	http://www.hfhr.org.pl
Organization	Transitions Online, Czech Republic
Project Name	Interactive Tech Tools for Better Transparency
Amount Awarded	USD 27,000.00
Project Description	<p>The proposed year-long initiative seeks to provide NGOs in the new EU member states (Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Slovenia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bulgaria and Romania) with web tools and strategies that will better enable them to promote transparency and good governance norms in their respective countries. The core project activities include a training seminar in Prague (for NGO representatives in the region); three pilot projects to test the strategies discussed at the seminar; the creation of an e-learning course; and a closing evaluation meeting in Riga to access the lessons learned over the course of the year.</p>

Project implementation will result in following outcomes:

1) Representatives from 30 NGOs in the new EU member states will learn how to use new technologies and online communities of concerned citizens to further the mission of their organizations and increase their impact on public policy; 2) Dozens of ordinary citizens (at least 45) will take part in 3 pilot projects carried out by 3 participating NGOs; 3) At least 6 watchblogs will provide regular monitoring of issues crucial to improved transparency and good governance ;4) Connections and communication between NGOs that wish to use these new technologies and methodologies will improve dramatically; 5) One e-learning course will be created on new technologies and crowdsourcing.

Website

www.tol.org

Organization

Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups, Warsaw, Poland

Project Name

Watchdog Activity – Favorable Environment and Occurrence”, conference held on March 13th – 14th, 2008

Amount Awarded

USD 7,570

Project Description

The recommended project is a foreword to the first seminar within the joint project by the Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups and Stefan Batory Foundation entitled “Civic Watch: Citizens on guard of public interest”. Public scrutiny of authorities by independent institutions is an indispensable element of efficient democracy. In countries with developed democratic traditions, numerous specialized watchdog organizations monitor and react to abuses committed by social institutions. In Central and Eastern Europe such initiatives are gradually developed by the civil society organizations.

The starting point to organize such event is the identification that the lack of experience and insufficient level of knowledge and skills make the fundamental barriers to the development of watchdog organizations in CEE countries. This is why the applicant wants to create the opportunity of common meeting of those who persistently develop their level of expertise in this area. Second, the applicant wants to see to what extent such activities are dependant on the legal regulation existing in a given country. Third, the applicant plans to find out what is the situation and experience in the Central and Eastern European countries and how they can use the Western experience. Therefore, the goal of the seminar is to gather the organizations committed to watch dogging in several fields, to create opportunity for peer learning and to identify which solutions helping in development of civic watch are worth promoting in participants’ own countries. We hope that the seminar will be a begging of better cooperation and becomes a platform for international informational network. The Applicant will also invite experts from abroad, watchdogs from CEE countries and specialized

Website journalists.
<http://www.lgo.pl>

Organization People in Need, Czech Republic
Project Name [Summarizing the One World Tour experience and its expansion into Bulgaria, Romania and Slovenia.](#)
The main goal of the project is to export One World type of the event and practical know-how in promoting public awareness through films and discussions to Bulgaria, Romania and Slovenia. In particular project will provide knowledge to Bulgarian, Romanian and Slovenian NGOs how the Central European NGOs(People in Need (CZ), Helsinki Foundation(POL), People in Peril (SK) etc.) have managed to develop a cluster of affiliated projects and cross-border initiatives during the last ten - fifteen years.
The benchmark for project success will be establishment of a festival tradition in each of the aforementioned countries and creation of a basis for a long-term cooperation. This will be achieved through organizing a One World Tour Workshop and creation of a practical manual for human rights film festival new-comers.

Amount Awarded USD 32,000.00
Website <http://www.clovekvtisni.cz/>

FELLOWSHIPS

Fellow Daniela Dimitrova, Bulgaria
Organization Community Donors Fund Stara Zagora
Purpose of the fellowship Travel grant for Harvard University School of Government Strategic Management Course for Leaders of Non-Governmental Organizations, held in March 25-29, 2008 in Athens
Amount Awarded USD 6,580
E-mail office@fund-sz.org

Organization The Fulbright Commission in Bulgaria
Purpose of the fellowship Research Scholarship for the Study of Civil Society
Co-funding of the Fulbright activity for recruiting and selection of Bulgarian scholars and placing them at the appropriate institutions in the US

Amount Awarded \$ 7.200
E-mail fulbright@fulbright.bg

Fellow Daniela Dimitrova, Bulgaria
Organization Association of Community Foundations in Bulgaria
Purpose of the Fellowship Travel grant to attend the Conference of the Community Foundations of Canada entitled "Our Communities, Our World" in November, 2008

Amount Awarded	USD 3,500
E-mail	acfb@acfb-bg.org
Fellow	Andrzej Bobinski, Poland
Organization	Center for International Relations
Purpose of the fellowship	Travel grant for the Harvard Strategic Management Program for Leaders of NGOs
Amount Awarded	USD 7,032
Email	info@csm.org.pl
Fellow	Katarzyna Pszczoła, Poland
Organization	Polish Donors Forum
Purpose of the fellowship	Travel grant for DAFNE Network meeting on 28 May, 2008 and the EFC annual conference, 29-31 May, 2008, Istanbul
Amount Awarded	EUR 1,600
Email	poczta@forumdarczyncow.pl
Fellow	Maciej Bernatt, Poland
Organization	Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights
Purpose of the fellowship	Travel grant to attend Advanced Course on the International Protection of Human Rights organized by the Institute for Human Rights, Finland, 18 – 29 August 2008
Amount Awarded	EUR 2,000
Email	hfhr@hfhrpol.waw.pl
Fellow	Magdalena Mentrak, Poland
Organization	Association 61
Purpose of the fellowship	Participation in the Summer School in Methods and Techniques organized by University of Ljubljana, European Consortium for Political Research, August 2008
Amount Awarded	USD 3,500
Email	61@art61.pl
Fellow	Tomas Krejci, Czech Republic
Organization	A.K.N. - Czech Association of Community Foundations
Purpose of the fellowship	Travel grant for 2008 EFC AGA and Conference and pre-conference events (meeting of CFSOs – Community Foundation Support Organizations) held in Istanbul, Turkey from May 28 th to May 31 st 2008
Amount Awarded	USD 2,620
E-mail	Tomas@komunitninadace.cz
Fellow	Pavĺina Kalousová, Czech Republic
Organization	Czech Donors Forum
Purpose of the fellowship	Travel grant for EFC AGA Meeting 2008
Amount Awarded	USD 2,421
E-mail	kalousova@donorsforum.cz

Fellow	Jitka Nesrstova, Czech Republic
Organization	VIA Foundation
Purpose of the Fellowship	Travel grant for EFC AGA Meeting in Istanbul
Amount Awarded	USD 2,720
E-mail	jitka.nesrstova@nadacevia.cz
Fellow	Jiří Bárta, Czech Republic
Organization	VIA Foundation
Purpose of the fellowship	Travel grant for Grantmakers East Forum (GEF) "ENGAGE" organized by the European Foundation Centre, (EFC) organizes from 8th -10th October 2008 in Dubrovnik, Croatia
Amount Awarded	USD 1,240
E-mail	jiri.barta@nadacevia.cz
Fellow	Oliver Lewis, Hungary
Organization	MDAC
Purpose of the Fellowship	Travel grant for EFC AGA Meeting in Istanbul
Amount Awarded	USD 3,116
E-mail	Olewis@mdac.info
Fellow	Klara Molnar, Hungary
Organization	Hungarian Donors Forum
Purpose of the Fellowship	DAFNE meeting and the 19 th EFC Annual General Assembly (AGA) and Conference in Istanbul
Amount Awarded	USD 2, 630
E-mail	klara.molnar@donorsforum.hu
Fellow	Zsuzsa Szombati, Hungary
Organization	Transparency International Hungary
Purpose of the Fellowship	Travel grant to the 28th International Fundraising Congress held on 14-17 October 2008 in the Netherlands
Amount Awarded	USD 945
E-mail	zsuzsa.szombati@transparency.hu
Fellow	Libuša Roblová, Slovakia
Organization	Fair- play Alliance (FPA)
Purpose of the Fellowship	Harvard University Executive Education – Strategic Management for Leaders of NGOs, taking place in Athens in March 25-29, 2008
Amount Awarded	USD 6,804.00
E-mail	Libusa@fair-play.sk
Fellow	Viera Klementová, Slovakia
Organization	Slovak-Czech Women's Fund
Purpose of the	Travel grant for European Foundation Centre (EFC) Grantmakers

Fellowship	East Forum (GEF) "ENGAGE"
Amount Awarded	USD 1,041
E-mail	klementova@womensfund.sk
Fellow	Tania Kozina, Slovenia
Organization	Community Foundation Vincenc Draksler, Kranj
Purpose of the Fellowship	Travel grant to attend the Conference of the Community Foundations of Canada entitled "Our Communities, Our World" in November, 2008
Amount Awarded	USD 3,576
E-mail	info@omamljen.si
Organization	European foundation Center, EFC, Brussels
Purpose of the Fellowship	International Fellowship Program for Leaders and Exchange in Philanthropy, IFP; the CEE Trust is one of several funding partners of this program
Amount Awarded	USD 96,000
Web site	www.efc.be

LIST OF MATCHING GRANTS TO BULGARIAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Organization	Community Foundation Lom
Project Name	Alternatives for Personal Development of Children and Youngsters in Their Free Time
Amount Awarded	USD 10,000.00
Grant Period	August 01,2008 - May 31,2009
Project Description	The community foundation will make 20 small grants to local NGOs that create long lasting positive practices to engage children and youngsters in their free time.
Organization	Community Foundation "Bridges over Tundzha" - Yambol
Project Name	Young Talents II
Amount Awarded	USD 28,887.00
Grant Period	August 01,2008 - January 31,2009
Project Description	The community foundation will provide more than 10 small grants to local youth organizations, especially those who are created by young people and those who work with young talents.
Organization	Community Foundation Stara Zagora
Project Name	Better Future 3
Amount Awarded	USD 42,000.00
Grant Period	August 01,2008 - April 30,2009
Project Description	The community foundation will provide 10 grants to local organizations in the spheres of education, health-care, upbringing children and youth, cultural and historical heritage, care for vulnerable women, environmental issues.

Website <http://www.fund-sz.org>
Grant Number [BG-CF-2008-4](#)

Project Name [Building up the Future through Supporting Realization of Youth Ideas 3](#)

Amount Awarded USD 39,000.00
Grant Period August 01,2008 - May 30,2009
Project Description The community foundation will provide more than 10 small grants to local organizations in the spheres of education, healthcare, support for talented youth, youth summer camps, etc.

Website <http://www.fond-gabrovo.veda.bg>

Organization Name Community Foundation Pazardzhik
Project Name Together We Can Do More
Amount Awarded \$ 12,000
Grant Period 15 June 2008 – 15 January 2009
Description of the Project CF Pazardzhik will make 5-7 small grants to local organizations working with socially disadvantaged people, children and youth, and elderly people.

Website www.ofond-pz.hit.bg

Organization Name Community Fund Pazardzhik
Project Name With Care for Two Generations
Amount Awarded \$ 6,767
Grant Period 5 months, March 1,2008 – July 31,2008
Project Description CF Pazardzhik proposed to make 3 small grants to grassroots organizations working in the spheres of socially disadvantaged people, children and youth. The grants supported the following activities: municipal food bank for very poor people; purchase of dance costumes for the youth folk dance group “Chudesia”, and organizing of a training camp for the children’s dance group “Detstvo”.

Website <http://www.ofond-pz.hit.bg>

Organization Community Charitable Fund Blagoevgrad
Project Name [Sport – Environment and Opportunity](#)
Amount Awarded USD 38,462.00
Grant Period March 01,2008 - February 01,2009

Project Description

The community foundation will make between 5 and 10 small grants to grassroots organizations and initiative groups working in the sphere of children and youth mass sport. The grants will support the following types of activities: sport trainings/ practice, organizing tournaments, taking part in contests, buying of sportswear, providing sport equipment, organizing children/youth sports camps.

AUDIT REPORT

Please see the attachment