



## **Trust for Civil Society in Central & Eastern Europe**

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## **LETTER FROM THE CHAIR**

Dear Colleagues,

The new European Union member states where the Trust for Civil Society for Central and Eastern Europe operates have entered a new phase in their economic, political and social development that calls for major adjustments not only in their institutional structure, but also in the overall political and civic culture. The positive effects of EU membership include enjoying full access to the European common market and to EU structural funds. At the same time, the end of the transition in this region has led to new challenges, including a rapid social stratification that hurt many and privileged few. In addition, the benefits of EU accession have been distributed unevenly. Finally, there is a high degree of public mistrust of politicians and political parties in the region. Paying close attention to the needs and opportunities, as well as the ability of the Trust to address them, has become a guiding principle in our work. Citizen engagement is essential to reforming politics, bringing about positive social change, and re-establishing trust in democratic institutions.

In 2007 the Trust issued a call for proposals focusing on four broad areas: promoting accountability of public institutions, encouraging civic engagement and community mobilization, advancing solidarity in social life, and creating a supportive environment for civil society. We were very pleased with the overall quality of the proposals we received and approved 105 projects for support. The projects were spread among all four Trust priorities, with a slight predominance of projects addressing citizen engagement. This likely reflects the general public concern about the disengagement of citizens in the post-accession countries. Looking toward 2008, we see a growing need to help re-establish in the public sphere a sense of ownership and belonging for citizens in the region. Providing them with tools to access information, exercise their rights and keep public authorities accountable will guide the work of the Trust in the months to come.

The board and staff of the Trust remain committed to supporting civil society actors and organizations to engage successfully with fellow citizens and government to bring about positive social change. Although change will not happen overnight, we remain optimistic that by addressing the challenges facing the region with consistency and commitment, and with flexibility and an open mind, we will make significant progress. Active citizens seem more than ever to be not only an integral part of a healthy society, but also the major -- and sometimes the only -- guarantors of a truly democratic public life.

**Maureen Smyth**

Chair of the Board of Trustees

Senior Vice President - Programs and Communications  
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The seven countries where the CEE Trust operates: Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - are experiencing post accession blues. Few people in the region anticipate major threats to democracy or destabilization but political systems and economies alike seem to be prone to unpleasant surprises challenging the citizens to react.

At the same time the civil society organizations are undergoing a major transition affecting not only their sustainability strategies but also their basic assumptions and their approaches. The other two sectors, the government and business, have to deal with growing shortage of human capital and attract no small numbers of the most experienced NGO leaders. Civic activism is changing as well, assuming new forms, which sometimes differ significantly from the traditional ones.

In 2007 the CEE Trust consistently pursued its main objectives, trying to follow as closely as possible the national environment and its needs, with the help of our Advisory Committees. In line with our mission we made efforts to identify projects, which:

- seek to establish and stabilize mechanisms to **empower citizens** through initiatives which give voice to different citizens' groups and public interests; work for accountable and transparent public institutions; produce and place on the public agenda alternative ideas;
- help secure the presence and sustainability of a **strong third sector**;
- strengthen **civic leadership** by supporting the "growth" of the new generation of civic activism and mobilizing the expertise and the good will of the academic community, the media, and businesses.
- increase **regional cooperation** through innovative initiatives

Our approach was to use different mechanisms and namely:

- open calls for proposals aimed at reaching out in an inclusive manner to all stakeholders in civil society. It is intended to expand the number of partners and open the gate to innovation and creativity. The call is widely advertised and promoted, flexible, and ready to take risks. It is reactive and listens to the priorities and ideas of the civil society .
- pro-active encouragement of strategic initiatives addressing key challenges, new opportunities, and urgent unmet needs. Its aim is to make sure that the mission and the objective of the CEE trust stay on the agenda.
- limited number of fellowships intended to assist the growth of the next generation of civil society leaders.
- Cross-Border Initiative promoting and supporting cooperation, networking and joint projects of cross-border type. It addresses mainly small, ad hoc requests that have difficulties to find funding from other sources and a few big strategic carefully selected projects with impact in more than one countries.

**Rayna Gavrilova**

Executive Director

## **OUR GRANT-MAKING ACTIVITIES**

### **I. STATE OF SOCIETY IN CEE**

2007 was a year of troubled yet functional democracy in the seven countries of the CEE, where the CEE Trust operates.

The political situation is volatile. In most countries bitter and often vicious political struggles erupt over different issues. The level of political corruption remains very high.

All these countries enjoy steady economic growth, most often higher than the average in the EU. Serious reforms of the health, educational and social security systems are badly needed.

In all countries we witness the reestablishment of the big state, as anticipated. In each country there are at least a few established and trusted voices of the civil society. The ways in which civil society acts and reacts is changing. The third sector is in the process of transition, which started a few years ago.

### **II. THE CEE TRUST IN 2007**

The CEE Trust grant making activity is designed to work for the achievement of the mission and the founding objectives of the CEE Trust.

The new Strategic Framework of the CEE Trust, adopted in 2005, placed strong emphasis on the role of civil society organizations as entities working for the public good.

Accordingly, the CEE Trust has started offering support to the civil society by encouraging the organizations to address real societal problems and challenges. In 2006 the Board and the staff have identified four critical issues, which serve to frame the field of intervention. In 2007 the CEE Trust staff awarded grants selected during the October 2006 call for proposals and opened one new call (opening October 2007 - awarding of grants March 2008). The critical issues at the core of this call were the same as in 2006.

- Accountability, transparency, and effectiveness of public institutions;
- Strengthening the civic support for democracy and promoting real participatory democracy;
- Reframing social solidarity;
- Strengthening the civic sector

In most thematic areas there is a good variety of projects and approaches. Especially well represented are the watchdog activities, citizens' participation, and human rights. Additional efforts should be made to encourage more projects in the areas of civic education, research and analysis, bridging the gap between winner and losers, the role of the media in democratic societies, political disenfranchisement, and engaging people (especially young people).

The CEE Trust is in unique position not only as one of the very few private donors but because of its potential to mobilize the regional expertise and voices. One of the permanent mechanisms to use this potential is the permanent Cross-border Initiative (CBI) with a very broad mandate announced on our website. In 2007 we had 17 projects, mainly in support of small regional initiatives such as conferences and special events.

In 2007 the CBI included two larger initiatives. The first one, the Populism project, exemplifies best the competitive advantage of the CEE Trust - react promptly to a new challenge and mobilize the resources of more than one country. The second - the CEENERGY project of 7 Donors fora in CEE - is good example of the second major strength of the CEE Trust: to provide space and support for a few strong organizations to learn from each other and develop new mechanisms for strengthening the CSR in CEE.

The CEE Trust considers the open calls for proposals to be the best instrument for reaching out to the civil society at large and identifying the issues, problems, needs and opportunities to be addressed and, if necessary and possible, supported. Our basic approach is to maintain consistency of the selected priorities but stay flexible and make choices, defined by the actual context within each country.

On October 4, 2007 we announced our yearly call in 6 of the countries (except for Slovenia). We made special efforts to advertise as widely as possible: we asked NGO portals, newsletters, partner organizations and other donors to publish our call and published the announcement in at least one major national newspaper. As a result we received 840 letters of intent; 230 projects were shortlisted and 105 approved for support.

## GRANTS AWARDED IN 2007

In 2007, the CEE Trust awarded a total of **119 grants** identified through the open call for proposals in October 2006 and through pro-active encouragement of strategic initiatives.

### By country:

- Bulgaria	- 34 grants to the total amount of	\$1,814,255
- Czech Republic	- 14 grants to the total amount of	\$ 965,640
- Hungary	- 13 grants to the total amount of	\$ 607,000
- Poland	- 16 grants to the total amount of	\$ 2,465,136
- Romania	- 28 grants to the total amount of	\$ 1,764,015
- Slovakia	- 10 grants to the total amount of	\$ 704,299
- Slovenia	- 2 grants to the total amount of	\$ 99,930
- Belgium	- 1 grant – to the total amount of	\$ 25,000
- Germany	- 1 grant – to the total amount of	\$
18,000		

### TOTAL:

**\$ 8,463,275**

This list includes also grants awarded within the framework of the Cross Border Initiative, Fellowship Program and Community Foundation

In 2004 Ford Foundation awarded an additional 5-year grant of \$4,000,000 for a sinking fund to provide general support for the long-term sustainable development of civil society and nongovernmental organizations in Bulgaria, Romania and Moldova. In 2007 the CEE Trust used portion of the grant in the amount of \$1,502,570 to support projects submitted out of the call in Bulgaria and Romania (included in the general list).

## Bulgaria

- 1**    **Organization Name**    Public Cultural Center Eldorod - Sevlievo  
**Project Name**            Citizens for the Accountability of Local Public Institutions  
**Amount Awarded**        USD 6,300  
**Grant Period**             8 months  
**Description of the Project**    This project aims at facilitating the local community to become involved in monitoring local government and influence social, economic and political policy. It will increase the level of communication between citizens, government and business through the establishment of local initiative groups with one representative from each local village to monitor and report on municipal policies.  
**Website**                    <http://club-eldorod.com/php/library.php>
- 2**    **Organization Name**        Simply Friends  
**Project Name**            Young Leaders of Topolovgrad  
**Amount Awarded**        USD 10,700  
**Grant Period**             12 months  
**Description of the Project**    The objectives of this project are to involve young people in local government; inspire them to develop and apply critical thinking skills; establish a closer relationship between academic concepts and a practical application of democratic principles in the context of local government; promote the idea that local government office is a worthy career goal and that students are the leaders of tomorrow. Within the project student elections will be conducted for youth Mayor and City Council president and members. The Municipality will host a student "Walk in my shoes" day demonstrating that high office in local government is a worthy career goal.
- 3**    **Organization Name**        IKAR Association - Haskovo, Bulgaria  
**Project Name**            "Maria In a Box"  
**Amount Awarded**        USD 17,900  
**Grant Period**             8 months  
**Description of the Project**    The project aims at engaging women with social and physical problems into seeking solutions of their problems by using the power of theater. The performances are intended to provoke public debates regarding the problems of women with special needs, different cultural background, victims of domestic violence, victims of sexual harassment at their workplace.  
**Website**                    <http://www.inthename.net/ikar>
- 4**    **Organization Name**        International Center for Minority Studies and Intercultural Relations  
**Project Name**            Minority Rights and Inter-ethnic Relations in Municipalities with Diverse Population  
**Amount Awarded**        USD 33,500  
**Grant Period**             18 months  
**Description of the Project**    The project will monitor the actual protection of minorities'

	<b>Project</b>	rights in two Bulgarian municipalities with ethnically and religiously diverse population and will study the inter-ethnic/inter-religious relations in both municipalities (by interviews with the municipal administration and citizens). The outcomes will help the municipal authorities to increase their capacity to address the needs of their constituencies; to improve the communication between citizens and administration.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.imir-bg.org/">http://www.imir-bg.org/</a>
<b>5</b>	<b>Organization Name</b> <b>Project Name</b> <b>Amount Awarded</b> <b>Grant Period</b> <b>Description of the Project</b>	NGO Links What Policy for the Roma in Bulgaria? - A National Deliberative Poll USD 78,750 8 months The project proposes an innovative approach to use the deliberative poll method to assist the development of adequate public policies regarding the Roma communities. The event itself and its extensive media coverage will help raise public awareness that the Roma problem is a problem of Bulgarian society as a whole.
<b>6</b>	<b>Organization Name</b> <b>Project Name</b> <b>Amount Awarded</b> <b>Grant Period</b> <b>Description of the Project</b>	Association of Parks in Bulgaria Voices for Protected Areas USD 44,065 8 months The main goal of the project is to educate and empower the public concerning their role as citizens in terms of preserving Bulgarian Natural heritage. The project has the objectives to encourage consolidation among the civil society actors and build partnership and cross-sectoral cooperation between civil society actors and protected areas management bodies; to raise public awareness, knowledge and understanding regarding the national ecological network Natura 2000.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.bg-parks.net/">http://www.bg-parks.net/</a>
<b>7</b>	<b>Organization Name</b> <b>Project Name</b> <b>Amount Awarded</b> <b>Grant Period</b> <b>Description of the Project</b>	Lumena Civic Association Violence Prevention at Schools - Citizens Partnership and Control, Empowering Democracy in Communities USD 27,950 10 months The main goal of the project is to support the participation of the communities in violence-prevention education at school and develop capacity of educators from selected pilot municipalities to deal with the issue.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.lumena.respectbg.com/">http://www.lumena.respectbg.com/</a>
<b>8</b>	<b>Organization Name</b> <b>Project Name</b> <b>Amount Awarded</b> <b>Grant Period</b> <b>Description of the Project</b>	Community Center for Youth Ternipe - Simitli We Can USD 7,830 14 months The main goal of the project is to promote the growth and

	<b>Project</b>	leadership of Simitli's youth with a focus on Roma youth through creation of a monthly publication in a magazine format, published on a voluntary basis by a group of youths from different ethnic backgrounds.
<b>9</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Department of Philosophy and Sociology at the New Bulgarian University - Sofia
	<b>Project Name</b>	Civic Education for a Civil Society
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 40,820
	<b>Grant Period</b>	36 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The main goal of the project is to create and test a complete new concept of Civic Education in Bulgarian Schools as a particular subject; to develop and discuss the educational goals, the content of the subject, the educational standards, a test-textbook, and a program for the supplementary qualification of teachers. Discuss the concept in 3 conferences with participation of Bulgarian scholars, school teachers and officials from the Ministry of Education and Science and from the communal authorities; promote the project's results in Bulgarian print and electronic media.
<b>10</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Bulgarian Helsinki Committee
	<b>Project Name</b>	Assistance for the Reform in Bulgaria's Penitentiary Institutions
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 43,050
	<b>Grant Period</b>	18 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The project goal is to give an impetus to the reform of the penitentiary institutions. A second goal is prevention of torture and inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment of detainees in penitentiary institutions. This goal will be achieved by means of investigating the problem and elaborating concrete strategies for prisons and investigation facilities. The organization will conduct systematic monitoring of prisons, prison hostels, investigation of detention facilities, juvenile reformatory institutions, and will publish analyses of the general conditions of detention. Strategic litigation will be used as mechanism to promote international standards.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.bghelsinki.org/">http://www.bghelsinki.org/</a>
<b>11</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Special Olympics Bulgaria
	<b>Project Name</b>	Changing Attitudes - Changing the Schools
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 28,000
	<b>Grant Period</b>	10 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The aim of the program is to help reverse the stereotypical attitudes of youths without disabilities towards their peers with intellectual disabilities through joint participation in discussion and events. The program "SO Get into It!" will be introduced in partnering schools.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.specialolympics.dir.bg/">http://www.specialolympics.dir.bg/</a>
<b>12</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Southeast European League

**Project Name** Facing the Challenge of Nationalism  
**Amount Awarded** USD 67,000  
**Grant Period** 12 months  
**Description of the Project** The project objective is to engage key educational actors and stakeholders into research, debates and activities, dealing with the surge in nationalist discourse and manifestations. The participant academics, doctoral students and school teachers will propose models for curriculum transformation in the area of "patriotic education" while at the same time catalyzing public opinion pressure for educational change toward a different set of values - inclusive civic education with a European dimension.

**Website** <http://www.seal-bg.org/>

**13 Organization Name** Foundation Open Society Institute - Sofia  
**Project Name** Empowerment of the Powerless  
**Amount Awarded** USD 300,000  
**Grant Period** 24 months  
**Description of the Project** The general goal of the project is to contribute to the social and economic inclusion of marginalized groups (minorities, single parents, elderly people, people with disabilities, people living in remote and isolated villages etc.) by advocacy and mobilizations of social solidarity. OSI will provide a number of small grants to community based marginalized groups or NGOs and to NGO families' engaged in advocacy campaigns. A team of qualified experts will provide on-going consultancy (coaching and technical assistance) for the grant scheme project implementation. A forum for exchange of know-how and lessons learnt will be conducted annually to enable the grant schemes impact assessment of both community actions and policy level.

**Website** <http://www.osf.bg/>

**14 Organization Name** Center for Advanced Study Sofia, Bulgaria (CAS)  
**Project Name** Shaken Order: Authority and Social Trust in Post-Communist Societies  
**Amount Awarded** USD 99,753  
**Grant Period** 24 months  
**Description of the Project** The project seeks to investigate the dynamics of authority and social trust, especially the overall tendency towards their deterioration, in the field of law in the specific context of the European post-Communist societies. The main objectives of the project are: to identify the systemic, structural and epistemological preconditions of the profound changes of authority and social trust; to study the effects of these processes on the social (in)stability and the possibilities for institutional reforms in the field of law; to interrogate the heuristic potential of the existing theoretical traditions in the problem area of the project and to generate some new ideas and approaches.

**Website** <http://www.cas.bg/>

- 15 Organization Name** The Red House - Center for Culture and Debate, Bulgaria  
**Project Name** The Other Public Space  
**Amount Awarded** USD 100,000  
**Grant Period** 3 years  
**Description of the Project** The aim of the project is to promote the next generation of opinion leaders, including those living outside the capital city and to create a 'workshop' for civic arguments, language and debating. Its objective is to reinforce The Red House Center for Culture and Debate as the place where civic voices and socially engaged positions are articulated and debated, as well as a place where marginalized voices in society are given the floor. The goals of the project are planned to be achieved by any form of creative expression (topical debates, public discussions, lectures, issue-centered documentary film screenings) that successfully brings to the spotlight an important condition of the social and human reality of today. The events are going to be structured under four issue-groups and within this framework there will be approximately eighty events in the course of twelve months.
- Website** <http://www.redhouse-sofia.org/>
- 16 Organization Name** Inter-Ethnic Initiative for Human Rights Foundation (IEI)  
**Project Name** Advocacy for Minority Rights  
**Amount Awarded** USD 99 900  
**Grant Period** 26 months  
**Description of the Project** The general aim of the project is to increase institutional and public sensitivity to issues related to the protection and integration of minorities and about international and European standards in this area.
- 17 Organization Name** Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit-Law  
**Project Name** Key Strategy Directions for BCNL 2007-2010  
**Amount Awarded** USD 99 920  
**Grant Period** 3 years  
**Description of the Project** This is an institutional and strategic grant to support BCNL organizational development. BCNL has identified three interlinked priority areas of work for the next three years: improvement of the legal and financial framework for NGOs for their better financial sustainability; assistance to NGOs to know and use legal provisions and regulations; NGO/Government Partnership especially in the area of social contracting at the local level. BCNL will support the introduction of the legislative proposals in Parliament and will monitor the entire legislative process.
- Website** <http://www.bcnl.org/>
- 18 Organization Name** Institute for Studies of the Recent Past  
**Project Name** Knowledge and Memory Policies: Recent Bulgarian Past and its Public (Mis)Uses  
**Amount Awarded** USD 169 000

	<b>Grant Period</b>	3 years
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The project aims at the stimulation and support for the public's interest and critical reflection on the recent communist past and the transition period; accumulation and consolidation of new and existing documental knowledge, exploration of unknown facts and recently opened resources and their public availability, etc.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.minaloto.org/en/ind2_en.htm">www.minaloto.org/en/ind2_en.htm</a>
<b>19</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Bulgarian School of Politics
	<b>Project Name</b>	Program Grant for the Development of the Bulgarian School of Politics
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 150 200
	<b>Grant Period</b>	3 years
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The aim of the project is to strengthen the development capacity of the Bulgarian School of Politics and to reinforce its ability to disseminate new civil and political leadership culture based on understanding and implementation of the core principles of good governance such as the rule of law, legitimacy, transparency, accountability, accessibility and respect for human rights.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/">http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/</a>
<b>20</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	International Healthcare and Health Insurance Institute BG
	<b>Project Name</b>	Strengthening the Capacity of Patient Organizations to Participate in the Decision-Making Process in the Field of Healthcare in Bulgaria
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 43 292
	<b>Grant Period</b>	1 year
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The overall goal of the project is to increase the role of patient organizations in the civil society in Bulgaria and to strengthen their participation in the decision-making process in the field of healthcare, by collaborating in an informal network.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.zdrave.net/">http://www.zdrave.net/</a>
<b>21</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Bulgarian Sociological Association
	<b>Project Name</b>	Building Civic Awareness of Our European Responsibilities
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 37 965
	<b>Grant Period</b>	16 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The goals of the project are focused on the creation of informational preconditions (prospective social values) for permanent public policies for the formation of responsibility oriented civic awareness. This includes enhancing the capacity of civil society for public partnership in implementing government policies.
<b>22</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Bulgarian School of Politics
	<b>Project Name</b>	Civic Campaign To Make a Choice
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 50,000
	<b>Grant Period</b>	6 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	This initiative aims at encouraging civil society groups to shape the local election campaign in Bulgaria (October,

2007) around real issues and to make sure that citizens will make informed choice based on familiarity with the candidates and their election programs before the actual start of the elections. The focus of the initiative will be the organization of public discussions with mayoral candidates and leaders of ballot lists of candidates from municipal councils from selected municipalities.

**Website**

<http://www.nadacepartnerstvi.cz/><http://www.schoolofpolitics.org>

**Organization Name**

Workshop for Civic Initiatives Foundation

**Project Name**

Beyond Accession: Local Resources Revisited

**Amount Awarded**

USD 139,500

**Grant Period**

24 months

**Description of the Project**

The main goal of the project is to contribute to the development of Civil Society Organizations (CSO) and their relations with relevant stakeholders towards: maximizing the prospects of CSOs sustainability after Accession; preparing CSO counterparts from other sectors to benefit from and further develop the potential of the non-profit community. The main instruments will be capacity building, professional development and targeted small grants.

## Czech Republic

**1 Organization Name  
Project Name**

Open Society

Support to the Social Economy and Social Enterprise through the Development of the Public Procurement Procedures

**Amount Awarded**

USD 100,000

**Grant Period**

32 months

**Description of the Project**

This project plans to develop a Guide to Public Procurement Procedures (Preparation of Terms of Reference, project selection, project implementation, monitoring and evaluation), using experiences from the selected EU countries. The Guide will be mainstreamed within public policies at national and regional level.

**Website**

<http://www.osops.cz>

**2 Organization Name  
Project Name**

League of Human Rights

Human rights and health service: strengthening position of individuals

**Amount Awarded**

USD 50,000

**Grant Period**

18 months

**Description of the Project**

This project responds to the development of patients rights.

**Website**

<http://www.llp.cz/>

- 3 Organization Name** New Space civic association  
**Project Name** Streetpaper New Space  
**Amount Awarded** USD 50,000  
**Grant Period** 12 months  
**Description of the Project** This project has two major goals. The first goal is to publish the independent printed medium in the Czech Republic, which will be concerned with investigative journalism, watchdog activities, social problems in the Czech Republic, human rights, minorities.. The second aim is to help vendors (homeless people, Roma and other minorities, people who have served a prison sentence, the long-term unemployed, handicapped people) to be integrated back into society.  
**Website** <http://www.novyprostor.cz/>
- 4 Organization Name** La Strada Czech Republic  
**Project Name** In search of effective ways to respond to exploitation and human trafficking  
**Amount Awarded** USD 80,000  
**Grant Period** 24 months  
**Description of the Project** The project aims to create conditions to ensure that responsible bodies will take effective action against exploitation and human trafficking. La Strada wants a win-win situation for all parties involved. The organization will try to raise awareness of the need to broaden discourse on human trafficking to include labour exploitation in other sectors than the sex sector as well as to labour exploitation that is not necessarily an outcome of trafficking and to advocate for reliable and accessible information on the nature, mechanisms, trends and extent of exploitation and trafficking in all industries and for mechanisms for ongoing collection and analysis of such data to be established to inform policies and ensure that the policies respond to real-life situations.  
**Website** <http://www.strada.cz/>
- 5 Organization Name** Iuridicum Remedium  
**Project Name** Big Brother Award Human Rights and Technology, Legislative, Litigation and Promotion  
**Amount Awarded** USD 29,940  
**Grant Period** 12 months  
**Description of the Project** This project focuses on the following objectives:  
- Provide qualified comments and proposals on pending legislation; advocate for greater individual privacy protection.  
- Help establish privacy-friendly case-law through strategic litigation.  
- Bring together experts, engage and support them with information.  
- Be a reliable source of information for media.  
- Strengthen our role as a leading civil sector partner for relevant government bodies.

- 6 Organization Name** Transparency International - Czech Republic  
**Project Name** Municipal Property Watch  
**Amount Awarded** USD 50,000  
**Grant Period** 12 months  
**Description of the Project** The major goal of this project is to help in decreasing the extent of corruption in the management of municipal property in the Czech Republic.  
**Website** <http://www.transparency.cz/>
- 7 Organization Name** Ekologicky pravni servis  
**Project Name** Improving accountability, public participation, access to justice and NGO support in the Czech Republic  
**Amount Awarded** USD 50,000  
**Grant Period** 24 months  
**Description of the Project** This project aims to 'watchdog' the public service, corporations and lawmakers by using focused advocacy to establish real change. Ekologicky pravni servis will research, develop and use new strategies and methods to enforce governance and increase public participation, test their applicability and sustainability, and increase public awareness of the issues.  
**Website** <http://www.eps.cz/>
- 8 Organization Name** Nadace VIA (VIA Foundation)  
**Project Name** Community Involvement - Community Participation - Community Mobilization  
**Amount Awarded** USD 75 000  
**Grant Period** 13 months  
**Description of the Project** The goal of the project is to mobilize local public through providing seed project funding and training to Czech grassroots community initiatives in order to:  
- Encourage and empower local people to have a voice in local politics and community issues, advocate for community interests, stimulate a better performance of local administration,  
- Develop community spirit for joint action,  
- Encourage cross-sectoral partnerships on a community level  
develop skills of local actors.  
**Website** <http://www.en.nadacevia.cz/>
- 9 Organization Name** Council of Artists  
**Project Name** Reinforcing the accountable cultural policy by civic surveillance  
**Amount Awarded** USD 30,000  
**Grant Period** 30 months  
**Description of the Project** The goal of the project is to stimulate public discussion and reinforce the transparency of the cultural policy in the Czech Republic through civic surveillance, with bringing accountability in governmental actions, by identifying problem areas and formulating recommendations to the government to achieve the policy change for the public

good. The project aims to create and lead a group of experts which will provide civic cultural platform with data allowing their members to participate actively in the evaluation and implementation of the cultural policy in the CR. The objective of the project is to prepare argumentation based on facts, and formulate main international comparable criteria which will help to review declared governmental cultural policy and institutional operations. The special target of the project is to shift the focus of the existing cultural policy from the governmental organizations into the nongovernmental sector.

**Website**

<http://www.proculture.cz>

**10 Organization Name  
Project Name**

Transparency International  
Reinforcing the accountable culture policy by civic surveillance

**Amount Awarded**

USD 14,700

**Grant Period**

1 month

**Description of the  
Project**

The intention of this project is to initiate a debate on positive and negative examples of political practices in the region and USA and the role of civil society in order to create a healthy environment of trust in democratic instruments in our region.

Transparency International wants to achieve its goal through:

- Participation at the conference Transparency and Ethics: Towards an Accountable Society organized by the US embassy in Prague
- Organizing a side event discussion to the above mentioned conference called Political accountability and trustworthiness in the CEE region

The envisaged results are:

- Exchange of knowledge among CEE Trust experts on the discussed topics;
- Increase in understanding of the differences and similarities within the region;
- Establishing mutual regular exchange of information on given topics;
- Creating a network of experts on the rule of law and democracy within the CEE Trust region.

**Website**

<http://www.transparency.cz>

**11 Organization Name  
Project Name**

Civil Society Development Foundation (NROS)  
Bridging Loans for the Czech NGOs

**Amount Awarded**

USD 246,000

**Grant Period**

3 years

**Description of the  
Project**

The main goal of the project is to contribute to the financial sustainability of the non-profit sector in the Czech Republic and greater participation of NGOs in structural funds programs through providing repayable grants with the aim of changing the position of the bank sector towards issuing

bridging loans for the Czech NGOs.

NROS will achieve this goal by running a pilot, three years, project during which it will provide repayable grants to NGOs and it will create the Manual on the assessment of NGOs creditworthiness that will be distributed to commercial banks aiming at the introduction of bridging loans to NGOs as a normal banks' product after the end of the project.

**Website**

<http://www.nros.cz>

**12 Organization Name  
Project Name**

Czech Environmental Partnership Foundation  
Capacity and Action for Sustainable NGO Sector in the  
Czech Republic

**Amount Awarded**

USD 158,000

**Grant Period**

30 months

**Description of the  
Project**

The main goal of this proposal is to secure and further develop capacity of the Nadace Partnerství to continue empowering citizen groups in solving their environmental and community development problems, and to contribute to financial stability of the whole NGO sector in the Czech Republic. In detail the NP tends to:

- Generate new sustainable financial resources for boosting independent funding of the Czech NGO sector (with special focus on the environment and on public participation);
- Raise awareness about ecological NGOs in solving environmental issues as well as about role of Nadace Partnerství itself within broader society, which is a necessary condition for success in fundraising activities;
- Be able to contribute effectively to legal and fiscal environment for the Czech civil society, including to conditions for utilizing opportunities of the EU membership for NGO sector;
- Develop capacity for internal personal and institutional development and optimization of the organizational structure, and consolidate a system of how to maintain relations with a couple of hundred partners from different sectors.

**Website**

<http://www.nros.cz> <http://www.nadacepartnerstvi.cz>

## Hungary

**1 Organization Name  
Project Name**

Environmental Management and Law Association (EMLA)  
"Open Legislation"

**Amount Awarded**

USD 35,000

**Grant Period**

10 months

**Description of the  
Project**

The watchdog project aims to enhance public institutions' accountability and to increase public involvement and advocacy capacity of civil society.

**Website**

<http://www.emla.hu/>

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| <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Organization Name</b><br/><b>Project Name</b></p> <p><b>Amount Awarded</b></p> <p><b>Grant Period</b></p> <p><b>Description of the Project</b></p> <p><b>Website</b></p> | <p>Belvarosi Tanoda Foundation</p> <p>Management and network building - for the sustainable development of NGOs working with disadvantaged people</p> <p>USD 50,000</p> <p>18 months</p> <p>The project aims to enhance the operational capacity in alternative education and secure the sustainable development of participating organizations through creating a network.</p> <p><a href="http://www.btabp.hu">http://www.btabp.hu</a></p>   |
| <p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Organization Name</b><br/><b>Project Name</b></p> <p><b>Amount Awarded</b></p> <p><b>Grant Period</b></p> <p><b>Description of the Project</b></p> <p><b>Website</b></p> | <p>Mental Disability Advocacy Center</p> <p>Enabling the disabled: from segregation to inclusion</p> <p>USD 35,000</p> <p>8 months</p> <p>The project aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- create dialogue among stakeholders focusing on disability law and policy,</li> <li>- empower people with disabilities within civil society and the greater political context,</li> <li>- build coalitions between mainstream human rights NGOs and disabled persons organizations.</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.mdac.info/">http://www.mdac.info/</a></p> |
| <p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Organization Name</b><br/><b>Project Name</b></p> <p><b>Amount Awarded</b></p> <p><b>Grant Period</b></p> <p><b>Description of the Project</b></p> <p><b>Website</b></p> | <p>Chance for Children Foundation</p> <p>The integration of Roma children in public education</p> <p>USD 40,000</p> <p>12 months</p> <p>The main goal of the project is to make the segregation of Roma children in education a justifiable legal issue.</p> <p><a href="http://www.cfc.hu/">http://www.cfc.hu/</a></p>  |
| <p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Organization Name</b><br/><b>Project Name</b></p> <p><b>Amount Awarded</b></p> <p><b>Grant Period</b></p> <p><b>Description of the Project</b></p>                       | <p>Civil Europe Association</p> <p>First findings - analyzing the impact of European integration on the Hungarian civil society</p> <p>USD 50,000</p> <p>18 months</p> <p>The project is organized around two key activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Detailed research on the reception of Structural Funds in Hungary, with a special attention to the partnership principle.</li> <li>- Establishment of the Civil Europe Forum, the major symbol of civil control in Hungary in the reception of Structural Funds.</li> </ul>                     |
| <p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Organization Name</b><br/><b>Project Name</b></p> <p><b>Amount Awarded</b></p> <p><b>Grant Period</b></p> <p><b>Description of the Project</b></p>                       | <p>Salva Vita Foundation</p> <p>Building disability confidence among employers, NGOs and government</p> <p>USD 28,000</p> <p>10 months</p> <p>The project aims to conduct a Social Return on Investment analysis and to advocate for changing the law in order to collect conclusive arguments and strong evidence about</p>   |

		the effectiveness of NGO's and business working together for the inclusion of people with disabilities into the labour market.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.salvavita.hu/">http://www.salvavita.hu/</a>
<b>7</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Hungarian Helsinki Committee
	<b>Project Name</b>	Promoting an independent police complaints body in Hungary
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 50,000
	<b>Grant Period</b>	12 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The project aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify problems in legislation and practice that are the causes of the complaints system's ineffectiveness,</li> <li>- Raise awareness of the need to make the system of complaints more effective in Hungary,</li> <li>- Advocate for establishing an independent police complaints body,</li> <li>- Show examples of good practice from other EU member states and</li> <li>- Propose a model law to be considered for adoption by Hungarian law-makers.</li> </ul>
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.helsinki.hu/">http://www.helsinki.hu/</a>
<b>8</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Hungarian Civil Liberties Union
	<b>Project Name</b>	Project to support investigative Journalism in Hungary
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 40,000
	<b>Grant Period</b>	12 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The project aims to increase the number of investigation-style articles and reports in the Hungarian media and encourage the spread of investigative reporting in Hungary.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.tasz.hu/">http://www.tasz.hu/</a>
<b>9</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Roma Press Center Association
	<b>Project Name</b>	Raising public and Roma NGO awareness to the inequality and lack of opportunities faced by Roma children in education
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 30,000
	<b>Grant Period</b>	12 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The main objectives of the project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Making images of Roma, as portrayed by the mainstream media, more objective and gaining public support;</li> <li>- Raising local community support for education integration by sensitivity trainings for local media and politicians;</li> <li>- Supporting the local communities and the legal actions of legal aid offices and organizations through media work.</li> </ul>
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.rroma.hu/gss_rroma/alpha">http://www.rroma.hu/gss_rroma/alpha</a>
<b>10</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Nonprofit Information and Training Center Foundation (NIOK)
	<b>Project Name</b>	Promoting philanthropy through information, technology and links between sectors

**Amount Awarded** USD 60,000  
**Grant Period** 24 months  
**Description of the Project** The project has the following objectives:  
- Providing information on philanthropy: about different types, examples, legal/fiscal background;  
- Establishing a direct link between the needs of CSOs and potential donors through the Internet, media and other platforms;  
- Providing tools for various philanthropy campaigns and a surface for direct donations on the Internet;  
- Including philanthropy as a topic into the media.

**Website** <http://www.niok.hu/>

**11 Organization Name** Transparency International Hungary Foundation (TI-H)  
**Project Name** Fundaments for Transparency  
**Amount Awarded** USD 100 000  
**Grant Period** 2 years  
**Description of the Project** The project aims to enhance public control, visibility of corruption-related problems and, thus, transparency and accountability of public institutions in Hungary through the development of a professional, anti-corruption watchdog organization. TI-Hungary will conduct a cross-sector situation analysis on corruption in Hungary, carry out in-depth analyses of the most problematic areas identified by the study, raise public awareness by disseminating the findings and build coalitions of civil society organizations committed to promoting integrity in public life.

**Website** <http://www.transparency.hu/drupal/>

**12 Organization Name** NESsT Europa (NESsT), Hungary  
**Project Name** NESsT Europa Enterprise Development in Hungary  
**Amount Awarded** USD 74 000  
**Grant Period** 15 months  
**Description of the Project** The main goal of the project is to provide greater attention, definition and legitimacy to the field of social enterprise in Hungary among donors and philanthropists and business leaders so that social enterprise is recognized as an effective means for promoting CSO financial sustainability and economic development.

**Website** <http://www.nesst.org/>

## Poland

**1 Organization Name** Stefan Batory Foundation  
**Project Name** Civic Watch - citizens on guard of public interest  
**Amount Awarded** USD 600,000  
**Grant Period** 3 years  
**Description** This project's goal is to promote mechanisms of civic oversight of public

- of the Project Website** institutions and institutions of public trust as well as activities aimed at raising these institutions' standards and transparency.  
<http://www.batory.org.pl/>
- 2 Organization Name** Rule of Law Institute Foundation
- Project Name** Developing the capacity and interest of Polish lawyers to work in public interest law
- Amount Awarded** USD 50,000
- Grant Period** 15 months
- Description of the Project** The major objectives of this project are as follows:  
 - Develop the capacity of individual young lawyers to work in the public interest in Eastern Poland.  
 - Educate law students and young lawyers in public interest law and work to develop a culture of public service in the legal profession.  
 - Establish a resource center for law students and young lawyers interested in working in the public interest.  
 - Increase the institutional capacity of the Rule of Law Foundation in its work as the leading provider of legal representation to vulnerable communities in Eastern Poland and as a leading Polish Rule of Law oriented non-governmental organization.  
 - In real terms increase the access to justice in Eastern Poland and further develop the rule of law in Poland.
- Website** <http://www.fipp.org.pl/>
- 3 Organization Name** Association 61
- Project Name** The right to know
- Amount Awarded** USD 30,000
- Grant Period** 12 months
- Description of the Project** The goal of this project is to build the information website  
<http://www.mamprawowiedziec.pl/> - a transparent system of publicly available information about people performing elective public functions in Poland (their activities and parliamentary decisions).
- Website** <http://www.art61.pl/>
- 4 Organization Name** Poznan School of Banking
- Project Name** Interacting with the public authorities - education for active citizenship
- Amount Awarded** USD 60,000
- Grant Period** 12 months
- Description of the Project** The major goal of this project is to create a platform for a peer-to-peer dialog between society, the local authorities of the City of Poznan and the regional government of Wielkopolskie voivodship. Through public debates the project will create opportunities for citizens to participate in the most important decision-making processes at the local level. It is a pioneering project in Poland.
- Website** <http://www.wsb.poznan.pl/>

- 5 Organization Name** Fundacja Nowoczesna Polska
- Project Name** Free Textbooks
- Amount Awarded** USD 60,000
- Grant Period** 24 months
- Description of the Project** The major goal of this project is to create cheap, good quality textbooks which will help in solving the problems of overpriced educational materials which are not accessible for everyone.
- Website** <http://nowoczesnapolska.org.pl/>
- 6 Organization Name** ZNAK Christian Culture Foundation
- Project Name** Library - my favorite place
- Amount Awarded** USD 55,150
- Grant Period** 18 months
- Description of the Project** The goal of this project is to develop an innovative education system designed for the librarians covering the following issues: diversity, interpersonal communication, strategy management, creating positive public attitudes towards social dialogue. The curriculum designed for the libraries will be developed on the basis of experiences gained by the project team during its study visit to the US, where for several years a variety of educational programs have been invented. This curriculum will create an innovative way of content-related support meant for the libraries, and it will also contribute greatly to the enhancement of the prestige of both - libraries and librarians within local milieu as well as within other occupational groups.
- Website** <http://www.fundacja.znak.com.pl/>
- 7 Organization Name** Academy for the Development of Philanthropy in Poland
- Project Name** Supporting the CF movement in the V4 countries - institutional support for the Academy
- Amount Awarded** USD 259,500
- Grant Period** 3 years
- Description of the Project** The goal of the project is to strengthen the capacity of the Academy and its team, that is to develop its skills as an international donor. This will include building a team of 7 people: program and financial supervisors, coordinators and specialists and training them. The Academy is about to launch a regional community foundation development fund - "The V4 Community Foundation Maturity Program."
- Website** <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/> [http://www.filantropia.org.pl/english/e\\_menu.html](http://www.filantropia.org.pl/english/e_menu.html)
- 8 Organization Name** Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (HFHR), Poland
- Project Name** Strategic litigation and legal aid in connection with publication of the report from verification of the military intelligence services and entry into force of the new lustration law
- Amount** USD 100 000

**Awarded****Grant Period** 2 years**Description of the Project** The project is aimed at giving a "legal answer" to human rights problems that arise in Poland as a result of the governmental policy of "dealing with" the communist past. This policy includes primarily publishing the report on the liquidation of the secret military intelligence services on 15 February 2007 and entry into force of the new lustration law on 15 March 2007. Those acts involve violations of fundamental rights, such as presumption of innocence, right to court and right to privacy or to good reputation.**Website** <http://www.hfhrpol.waw.pl>**9 Organization Name** Warsaw University, Department of Law and Administration**Project Name** Promoting the Jurisprudence of the Polish Courts concerning the Protection of Human Rights via the Internet**Amount Awarded** USD 97,800**Grant Period** 2 years**Description of the Project** The aim of the project is to create a website popularizing information on the court's decision with respect to human rights, both in the Polish and English version. It will include a professional description of decisions and their consequences, description of pending cases and announcements of decisions, a database of all Polish cases tried before the European Court of Human Rights, a database of some of the European Court's decisions and court instruments, etc. There would also be an opportunity to create a blog and a forum. The long-term goal is to raise public awareness concerning human rights, create a good tool for lawyers to defend human rights, improve the legal culture, strengthen the judiciary and provoke a debate concerning crucial issues (also by addressing the website to journalists).**Website** [http://www.filantropia.org.pl/english/e\\_menu.html](http://www.filantropia.org.pl/english/e_menu.html)<http://en.wpia.uw.edu.pl>**10 Organization Name** The Independent Institute of International and European Law (NIPMiE)**Project Name** The Strengthening of the Fundamental Rights Protection Based on the Treaty reforming the EU Conclusions for Poland and other countries of the Vysehrad Group**Amount Awarded** USD 90,000**Grant Period** 12 months**Description of the Project** The grant is designed to improve the standards of human rights protection in the Vysehrad Countries. The idea sprang from the propositions contained in the Treaty reforming the EU, which confronted the European Union and its Member States with a number of fundamental problems of a legal and political nature. Specific problems in this context appear in Poland – the proposals of the strengthening of the fundamental rights protection included in the EU Reform Treaty assumed to bring about the strengthening of the fundamental rights protection and the principle of the law-governed state, give rise to populist campaigns. The objective in NIPMiE's project is to do research on the role of the Charter of Fundamental Rights for the strengthening of the status of the individual in the EU and for the strengthening of the European system of human rights protection.**Website** <http://www.nipmie.pl/><http://www.nipmie.pl>

**11 Organization Name** The Institute of Public Affairs (IPA)  
**Project Name** Institutional Support - tie-off grant  
**Amount Awarded** USD 600,000  
**Grant Period** 3 years  
**Description of the Project** The goal of the grant is to support institutionally the IPA during the period of the transition.  
**Website** <http://www.nipmie.pl>/<http://www.isp.org.pl>

**12 Organization Name** The Stefan Batory Foundation (SBF)  
**Project Name** You Have a Vote, You Have a Choice  
**Amount Awarded** USD 450,000  
**Grant Period** 3 years  
**Description of the Project** The goal of the project is to encourage citizens' involvement in local community affairs, public participation and voting in elections, as well as to reinforce the feeling of common responsibility of the electorate and the elected for the decisions made on a voting date. The SBF will invite local organizations and informal groups from Poland to join the project. They will have to implement a set of tasks aimed at stimulating civic participation and to build dialogue with local authorities such as organizations of public debates and awareness campaigns related to local problems, local government's operation and fulfillment of commitments made by local authorities. The organizations will be offered support, such as trainings, consultations, help-desk, various materials, microgrants etc. The SBF will also administer an interactive website serving as a platform for exchange of information and experience sharing among all participants, promotion of the project and dissemination of information on activities carried out on a local level.  
**Website** <http://www.isp.org.pl>/<http://www.batory.org.pl/english/index.htm>

## Romania

- 1 **Organization Name** CENTRAS - The Assistance Center for NGOs  
**Project Name** CSO e-AGORA  
**Amount Awarded** USD 47,000  
**Grant Period** 12 months  
**Description of the Project** The project aims to:  
- Facilitate access for 1000 CSOs to a complex electronic communication instrument tailored to serve CSO interests by hosting their advocacy campaigns, questionnaires, and offer resources exchange services and discussion forums;  
- Improve abilities to use electronic communication for 300 CSOs.  
**Website** <http://www.centras.ro/>
- 2 **Organization Name** Romanian Academic Society (SAR)

	<b>Project Name</b>	Coalition for a Clean Parliament - Euro-elections 2007
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 40,300
	<b>Grant Period</b>	8 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The project aims to: - Increase the level of personal accountability among top politicians against their constituencies by informing the public on the possible negative aspects of a candidates' background; - Help entrench in the public mind a set of clear minimal standards of political integrity; - Prevent the access to the European Parliament of Romanian candidates who do not fit a set of minimal criteria of political integrity;
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.sar.org.ro/">http://www.sar.org.ro/</a>
<b>3</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	ATU - Association for Urban Transition
	<b>Project Name</b>	Together for A Better City - ABC of urban policy
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 24,955
	<b>Grant Period</b>	12 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The project aims to: - Acquire a better understanding and a shared vision of the local urban governance and of the fact that housing, public space, green areas, infrastructure, communication networks, industry and services are closely linked to socio-economic aspects of the city (Integrated Urban Development). - Improve the communication between urban stakeholders so that the decision making process becomes a transparent and accountable one (Community Empowerment).
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.atu.org.ro/">http://www.atu.org.ro/</a>
<b>4</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Association for Community Development Nehoiu
	<b>Project Name</b>	Strengthening the involvement of rural communities in the decision - making process in the Nehoiu area
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 28,000
	<b>Grant Period</b>	12 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The project aims to: - Create opportunities for dialog and consultations between the representatives of the Municipality, local professionals and citizens, on priorities, specific problems and possible solutions; - Involve the local institutional resources, like the Citizens' Advice Bureau (CAB), Cultural House, the Rural Cultural Centers (RCC), the Resource Center for Community Development and Parent Education, schools, libraries in 13 villages in building an inter-sectoral capacity for education, counseling, communication and experience exchange; - Start building the interest and motivation of the rural communities' members for making their voice heard and becoming involved in the decision - making process.
<b>5</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	William Tyrrell Foundation - International Volunteer and

	<b>Project Name</b>	Resource Centre Slatina
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	NGOs` Intervention in Schools USD 22,800
	<b>Grant Period</b>	24 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The project aims to: - Encourage the young generation to respond positively to local community needs; - Train and involve schools educators and teachers to promote early civic spirit and involvement; - Create Community Clubs in schools in Olt county.
<b>6</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Citizen Advice Bureau Cluj Napoca
	<b>Project Name</b>	BACK TO THE GRASSROOTS. Empowering citizens for action
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 50,000
	<b>Grant Period</b>	24 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The project aims to: - Increase citizen's awareness of their rights and responsibilities; - Increase citizen's awareness of the legal tools they have available for influencing decision-makers and the behavior of local institutions; - Provide the necessary tools for influencing local decisions and the actions of local institutions.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.bcccluj.ro/">http://www.bcccluj.ro/</a>
<b>7</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	"Sporting Club" Association of People with Disabilities Galati
	<b>Project Name</b>	We invest in our future
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 12,000
	<b>Grant Period</b>	8 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The project aims to realize a partnership at the public-private level in Galati in view of a diversity policy, a non-discrimination and equality strategy for disabled people on the local labor market both at public administration and private level.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.sporting-club.ro/">http://www.sporting-club.ro/</a>
<b>8</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	The Association for the Defense of Human Rights in Romania - the Helsinki Committee (APADOR-CH)
	<b>Project Name</b>	Bridging gaps between social services NGOs and the protection and promotion of civil and political rights
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 89,980
	<b>Grant Period</b>	24 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The project aims to: - Develop instruments for raising awareness of social services NGOs on the needs of their beneficiaries from a civil rights perspective; - Develop instruments for integrating civil rights into the work of social services NGOs; - Increase the knowledge of 15 active social services NGOs on civil rights; - Create a pool of civil rights experts/lawyers that the

		social services NGOs can easily access. <a href="http://www.apador.org/">http://www.apador.org/</a>
<b>9</b>	<b>Organization Name</b> <b>Project Name</b> <b>Amount Awarded</b> <b>Grant Period</b>  <b>Description of the Project</b>  <b>Website</b>	Asezamantul Cultural Academia Catavencu - Media Monitoring Agency Dept. The Transparency of European Funds in Romania USD 54,990 12 months The project aims to: - Make the EU funding process more transparent; - Make the management institution responsible for the funding process more accountable; - Raise the level of citizens' involvement in the EU funding process. <a href="http://www.mma.ro/">http://www.mma.ro/</a>
<b>10</b>	<b>Organization Name</b> <b>Project Name</b> <b>Amount Awarded</b> <b>Grant Period</b>  <b>Description of the Project</b>  <b>Website</b>	Pro Vobis Volunteer Center Volunteerism Beyond the Concept - A Way of Life USD 50,000 16 months The project aims to: - Promote volunteerism as a form of individual responsibility and contribution to the overall societal well-being; - Promote a correct and adequate image of volunteerism among the public authorities; - Help voluntary involving organizations diversify their offers for volunteer positions to ensure as diverse as possible range of volunteer positions; - Raise awareness of the value of volunteerism for the various stakeholders of the volunteerism movement in Romania. <a href="http://www.provobis.ro/">http://www.provobis.ro/</a>
<b>11</b>	<b>Organization Name</b> <b>Project Name</b>  <b>Amount Awarded</b> <b>Grant Period</b>  <b>Description of the Project</b>  <b>Website</b>	Resource Center for Public Participation - CeRe Effective Public Participation to Policy Making in Local Communities USD 75,000 13 months The project objectives are: - 25 NGOs have knowledge of assessing quality of public participation processes; - 25 NGOs successfully monitor and assess public consultation processes in their communities; - 20 NGOs and 20 local administrators increase knowledge of effective public participation; - 10 NGOs and 10 local administrations increase efficiency of public participation in their communities; - Success stories and lessons learned are promoted. <a href="http://www.ce-re.ro/">http://www.ce-re.ro/</a>
<b>12</b>	<b>Organization Name</b> <b>Project Name</b>	Romanian Prader Willi Association - APWR Romanian National Alliance for Rare Diseases - RONARD

	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 60,000
	<b>Grant Period</b>	18 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	<p>The project aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop a national network of key representatives from patient organizations, communities, and public institutions - the Romanian National Alliance for Rare Diseases;</li> <li>- Establish a common strategy for tackling the issues related to rare diseases;</li> <li>- Organize an Information Campaign on rare diseases, as part of the National Conference for Rare Diseases;</li> <li>- Create a national training program targeting all stakeholders involved in rare diseases.</li> </ul>
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.apwromania.ro/">http://www.apwromania.ro/</a>
<b>13</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Open Society Foundation
	<b>Project Name</b>	Integrated strategies for natural resource exploitation
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 45,000
	<b>Grant Period</b>	12 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	<p>The project aims at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Creating a virtual information center for monitoring the exploitation of natural resources in Romania;</li> <li>- Developing local civil society representatives' capacity to actively participate in the development of regional strategies for the exploitation of natural resources;</li> <li>- Raising awareness among local and central authorities in resource rich areas about the necessity to design local sustainable development strategies for the exploitation of natural resources;</li> <li>- Advocating for transparency and accountability of central authorities' management of natural resources.</li> </ul>
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.osf.ro/">http://www.osf.ro/</a>
<b>14</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Euroregional Center for Democracy
	<b>Project Name</b>	Good Governance in Public Universities
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 32,960
	<b>Grant Period</b>	12 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	<p>The project aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify and analyze the key issues, challenges and appropriate responses regarding the present situation concerning the existing accountability mechanism of the governing bodies in the 4 state funded, public universities from Timisoara;</li> <li>- Establish 4 Task Groups on University Accountability;</li> <li>- Develop a coalition on the 4 Public Universities level in order to enhance accountability of the governing bodies;</li> <li>- Develop, implement and monitor the accountability framework of the governing bodies in the 4 public Universities.</li> </ul>
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.regionalnet.org/">http://www.regionalnet.org/</a>
<b>15</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Association for Community Relations
	<b>Project Name</b>	Knowledge for resource mobilization - Trends of Philanthropic Behavior of Business sector and individuals in

	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	Romania
	<b>Grant Period</b>	USD 30,000
		18 months
		The projects aims to:
		- Develop a study that will describe the a) Size & scope, b) motivations, c) mechanisms of philanthropic behavior at the level of individuals and business sector level;
		- Widely disseminate the results of the proposed studies to Civil Society Organizations through printed materials and information seminars and secondary to the business sector, media and policy makers;
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	- Develop a series of materials based on the studies that include the main conclusions and data and use these materials as advocacy tools for improving the overall image of the NGO sector in relationship with potential donors (business and individuals) and for improving legislation, especially with regard to fiscal incentives for donations from the individuals.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.arcromania.ro/">http://www.arcromania.ro/</a>
<b>16</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Institute for Public Policy
	<b>Project Name</b>	True accountability in National & European Parliament(s): Civil Society Accesses the MPs' nominal votes on laws
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 70,000
	<b>Grant Period</b>	12 months
		The project aims to:
		- Support the development of accountable MPs in the national and European Parliaments through systematic monitoring of the concrete activity in these bodies and through exposing this activity to the citizens of Romania;"
		- Strengthen civil society capacity of monitoring and tracking MPs activity, by stimulating the creation of a civic platform in the region.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.ipp.ro/">http://www.ipp.ro/</a>
<b>17</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Pro Democracy Association, Sibiu
	<b>Project Name</b>	Say NO to the Corruption
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 19,085
	<b>Grant Period</b>	14 months
		The project aims to:
		- Inform citizens about the negative effects of corruption and what the punishment is for being corrupt;
		- Make the citizens more conscious that corruption affects their life;
		- Inform citizens about the role and structures of General Direction Anticorruption and which the options are to solve their problems.
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	Informative campaigns will be conducted in 17 High Schools from cities Sibiu, Cisnadia, Medias, Avrig and Agnita.
<b>18</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Asociatia Pro Democratia - APD
	<b>Project Name</b>	Democracy at the Countryside

<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 109,985
<b>Grant Period</b>	18 months
<b>Description of the Project</b>	<p>The project aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop and disseminate a research on civic participation instruments taking into account public budgetary system, with a focus on subsidiarity;</li> <li>- Develop "citizens' initiative groups" within 20 pilot communities;</li> <li>- Assist each group in identifying and approaching at least one local issue that can be solved through citizens participation in partnership with local authorities;</li> <li>- Create a spill over effect for disseminating the methodology and experience gained throughout the project.</li> </ul>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.apd.ro/">http://www.apd.ro/</a>
<b>19 Organization Name</b>	Transparency International Romania
<b>Project Name</b>	Improving Local Governance and Service Delivery
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 40,000
<b>Grant Period</b>	6 months
<b>Description of the Project</b>	<p>The project aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enable citizens to debate the delivery of public services;</li> <li>- Provide a tool to measure satisfaction with the performance of local service providers;</li> <li>- Make public service providers and local government more accessible and accountable to citizens' requests;</li> <li>- Increase awareness about weak aspects of service delivery and to offer remedial actions.</li> </ul>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.transparency.org.ro/">http://www.transparency.org.ro/</a>
<b>20 Organization Name</b>	CONCEPT Foundation
<b>Project Name</b>	DON'T ASK FOR BRIBE
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 38,500
<b>Grant Period</b>	9 months
<b>Description of the Project</b>	<p>The project aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inform and raise the awareness of young adults, especially those that (will) be active in fields frequently associated with small corruption;</li> <li>- Involve the professional associations from justice, public administration fields in promoting the legal stipulations and the deontological codes, and in promoting their self-regulation role, in order to increase their responsibility;</li> <li>- Strengthen TIR image as an organization with expertise in providing applicable models for reducing the small corruption phenomenon and to strengthen the role of the professional associations as promoters of an ethic and responsible attitude towards beneficiaries.</li> </ul>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.concept.ro/">http://www.concept.ro/</a>
<b>21 Organization Name</b>	Romanian National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux (NACAB)
<b>Project Name</b>	Citizens' right to know
<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 69,650

	<b>Grant Period</b>	12 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The project aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase the support of the local and national public authorities to NGOs providing independent, free of charge advice and information services for citizens;</li> <li>- Determine at least 5 public authorities (at local and county level) in Romania to insert specific budgetary lines for activities addressing citizens' information needs.</li> </ul>
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.robcc.ro/">http://www.robcc.ro/</a>
<b>22</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Alternative Sociale Association
	<b>Project Name</b>	Home Alone Children - A problem that concerns us all!
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 74,710
	<b>Grant Period</b>	12 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The project aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Raise awareness and the information level of the general public on the issues (social, psychological and legal problems) of "home alone" children;</li> <li>- Encourage a proactive attitude from the general public on the issues (social, psychological and legal problems) of "home alone" children for reporting of cases to the concerned institutions;</li> <li>- Create a methodology for the psychological, social and legal assistance of "home alone" children;</li> <li>- Optimization of the legislation (de Lege Ferenda) in the area for the protection of "home alone" children.</li> </ul>
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.alternativesociale.ro/">http://www.alternativesociale.ro/</a>
<b>23</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Asociatia Pro Democratia - APD
	<b>Project Name</b>	First Step in Europe
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 28,750
	<b>Grant Period</b>	3 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The goal of this project is to ensure the fairness of the elections for the European Parliament (EP) in Romania, scheduled for November 25th, 2007. Its objectives are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensuring the monitoring of the voting day for the European Parliament elections in 1,000 voting sites located in both rural and urban areas;</li> <li>- Ensuring the monitoring of public institutions having responsibilities in enforcing the law; informing public opinion and international organizations acting in the anti-corruption struggle about how those institutions take their responsibilities and enforce the law in the area their responsibilities cover;</li> <li>- Ensuring the monitoring of the election campaign for the EP in terms of the financial resources the political parties and candidates use in those campaigns and informing public opinion about the amounts of money spent by the main political parties at the national level as well as about the way the law will have been respected;</li> <li>- Informing public opinion and foreign institutions about the correctness of the electoral process for the elections for the European Parliament in terms of both the electoral</li> </ul>

		campaign and voting day.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.batory.org.pl/english/index.htm">http://www.batory.org.pl/english/index.htm</a> <a href="http://www.apd.ro">http://www.apd.ro</a>
<b>24</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Princess Margarita of Romania Foundation
	<b>Project Name</b>	Sustainable NGOs in the community's life
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 300 000
	<b>Grant Period</b>	24 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The project aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Build the capacity of local NGOs or community based organizations to identify community needs and to design and implement sustainable interventions in partnership with all relevant local actors;</li> <li>- Ensure access of the local NGOs and community based organizations to training, technical and financial assistance, for strengthening their capacity to become self sustainable within the community;</li> <li>- Share experience and examples of best practices/success stories based on partnership, and giving priority to innovation and entrepreneurship,</li> <li>- Promote policy recommendation for creating an enabling environment for civil society development and participation to the community development at local and national level.</li> </ul>
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.fpmr.ro/">http://www.fpmr.ro/</a>
<b>25</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Asociatia Agentia de Monitorizare a Presei (MMA)
	<b>Project Name</b>	European Parliamentary Elections - Euro Barometer of Electoral Discourse
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	16,790
	<b>Grant Period</b>	4 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The aim of this project is to contribute to the initiation of a more comprehensible public discourse on European issues and to help Romanian citizens become better informed European electors. The <i>objectives are</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To evaluate political discourse during the electoral campaign for EP elections;</li> <li>- To offer periodical feedback during the campaign to politicians and journalists in what concerns the quality of electoral discourse;</li> <li>- To help protect the public's right to correct information by reacting promptly to any side-slips in the journalistic discourse</li> </ul>
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.mma.ro/">http://www.mma.ro/</a> <a href="http://www.mma.ro">http://www.mma.ro</a>
<b>26</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Civil Society Development Foundation (CSDF)
	<b>Project Name</b>	Romanian NGO Directory
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$ 307,000
	<b>Grant Period</b>	30 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The project aims at raising the profile and promoting the values of the NGO sector as important actors in the economic, social and cultural Romanian environment.

The project has three main objectives:

- Create a NGO data base that will provide accurate and up-to-date structured information on the Romanian NGO sector;
- Promote the NGO sector as a key player in the Romanian socio-economic life;
- Identify changes and trends in the NGO sector.

**Website** ➔

➔<http://www.fdsc.ro>

## Slovakia

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Organization Name<br/>Project Name</b> | The Charta 77 Foundation<br>Protection of human rights for vulnerable citizens through pro bono legal defense and watchdog actions  |
|          | <b>Amount Awarded</b>                     | USD 100,000   |
|          | <b>Grant Period</b>                       | 12 months   |
|          | <b>Description of the Project</b>         | This project is based on the main program implemented by Charta 77 Foundation. It seeks the possibilities to enhance the access to justice as well as to educate professional lawyers and promote the ideas of human rights, which activities have a very important meaning in Slovakia due to the limited access to justice and growing problems with respect for human rights.  |
|          | <b>Website</b>                            | ➔ <a href="http://www.charta77.sk/">http://www.charta77.sk/</a>   |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Organization Name<br/>Project Name</b> | The Center for Civil and Human Rights<br>Bridging the divide  |
|          | <b>Amount Awarded</b>                     | USD 36,000  |
|          | <b>Grant Period</b>                       | 18 months   |
|          | <b>Description of the Project</b>         | This project aims at mobilization of discriminated Romani communities to resist discrimination through the concrete legal actions. It also focuses on improving effectiveness of existing legislation via empowerment and litigation activities.  |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Organization Name<br/>Project Name</b> | Citizen and Democracy<br>Advocating for equal treatment through NGOs empowerment, strategic litigation and policy-making  |
|          | <b>Amount Awarded</b>                     | USD 96,000  |
|          | <b>Grant Period</b>                       | 18 months   |
|          | <b>Description of the Project</b>         | This project aims at reducing discrimination and marginalisation of disadvantaged groups (such as the elderly, ethnic minorities, women, sexual minorities, people with disabilities) through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Empowerment of and networking between NGOs active in the field to enable them to tackle the issue on a complex, professional and sustainable basis</li><li>- Developing institutional capacity of the applicant to litigate strategically in discrimination cases</li><li>- Pooling project-relevant knowledge and experience from</li></ul> |

		participating NGOs and influencing relevant policies. <a href="http://www.oad.sk/">http://www.oad.sk/</a>
	<b>Website</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Organization Name</b> <b>Project Name</b> <b>Amount Awarded</b> <b>Grant Period</b> <b>Description of the Project</b>	Partners for Democratic Change Slovakia - PDCS, o.z. Educational and advocacy activities for Roma activists USD/72,380 18 months This project aims at building up advocacy skills of 24 Roma and Non-Roma activists from 8 localities. The goal of the advocacy part of the project is to apply theoretical knowledge in practice during training courses, with later simulation of advocacy activities directly in places of Roma residence. Through the Project, PDCS contributes to solving specific problems on the site, using cooperative planning process and advocacy tools.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.pdcs.sk/">http://www.pdcs.sk/</a>
<b>5</b>	<b>Organization Name</b> <b>Project Name</b> <b>Amount Awarded</b> <b>Grant Period</b> <b>Description of the Project</b>	Konzervativny institut Milana Rastislava Stefanika Eurofunds Watchdog - decrease of the risk of corruption through monitoring of projects finance from the EU funds USD 132,250 2 years The major goal of this project is to decrease the risk of corruption through monitoring of the processes of awarding and implementing projects financed from the EU funds and through watchdog activities oriented on the institutions that are responsible for the management of the EU funds in Slovakia.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.institute.sk/">http://www.institute.sk/</a>
<b>6</b>	<b>Organization Name</b> <b>Project Name</b> <b>Amount Awarded</b> <b>Grant Period</b> <b>Description of the Project</b>	Institute for Public Affairs (IVO) Launching e-Governance in Slovakia - empowering citizens to participate, influence and exercise democratic control USD 75,000 12 months This project focuses on public and expert discourse by providing empirical data. Its major goals are as follows: - To improve citizens' awareness about online services for exercising their rights; - To deepen the capabilities of civil society actors to use information technologies for the promotion of open society principles in public life and to generate pressure on the public administration to implement information and communication technologies with regards to citizens' rights.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.ivo.sk/">http://www.ivo.sk/</a>
<b>7</b>	<b>Organization Name</b> <b>Project Name</b> <b>Amount Awarded</b> <b>Grant Period</b> <b>Description of the Project</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Slovak Nonprofit Service Center (1.SNSC) Favorable environment for NGOs as a base of active citizens USD 70,000 18 months This project's major goals are:

**Project** - To improve nonprofit legislation that would enable civil society actors to fulfill their role and ensure the sustainability of NGOs;  
 - To enhance the cross-sectoral cooperation in the development of legal and fiscal regulations related to public benefit activities.

**Website** <http://www.mvoservis.sk/>

**8 Organization Name** Aliancia Fair-play  
**Project Name** Institutional Support  
**Amount Awarded** \$ 20,300  
**Grant Period** 3 months  
**Description of the Project** The goal of the grant is to provide institutional funding for the Fair Play Alliance after a successful pilot project supported by the CEE Trust and OSI Budapest. The grant will support the following initiatives:  
 - Courses of investigative journalism,  
 - Publication of local watchdog newspaper,  
 - Register of political interest,  
 - Fair-play database,  
 - Investigation and advocacy.

**Website** <http://www.fdsc.ro>[http://www.fair-play.sk/index\\_en.php](http://www.fair-play.sk/index_en.php)

## Slovenia

**1 Organization Name** Institute of Ecology (IE)  
**Project Name** Slovenian Civil Society e-Participation web service  
**Amount Awarded** USD 25,410  
**Grant Period** 24 months  
**Description of the Project** The project aims to:  
 - Further develop a trial version of a voluntary managed non-profit E-participation (E-participacija) web site <http://www.e-participacija.si/> into a permanent and professional web portal that will serve as a single access point for public on-line participation within civil dialog processes and governmental decision-making procedures;  
 - Promote and increase civil society and citizen's awareness/experience towards e-democracy in Slovenia;  
 - Build and implement NGO's e-democracy capacities, initiatives and applications in Slovenia.

**Website** <http://www.micelij.net/>

**2 Organization Name** Umanotera, The Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development  
**Project Name** Fundraising Laboratory  
**Amount Awarded** USD 74,520  
**Grant Period** 10 months  
**Description of the Project** The project aims to:  
 - Provide training on Fundraising Strategies and Tools for the Environment Centre and consulting for Umanotera;  
 - Turn Weekly E-News into a financially viable venture

covering its costs by the end of 2007;  
- Establish a fundraising base for the EcoHouse, a living catalogue of environmental alternatives;  
- Create an alternative way of giving gifts and promoting long-term donations.

**Website**

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

## CROSS-BORDER INITIATIVE

The Cross-Border Initiative supports leading organizations working regionally and strategic regional initiatives of 'domestic' NGOs in CEE. In 2007, the CEE Trust awarded 12 cross-border grants to the total amount of USD 220,916. Below is the full list of grants.

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Organization Name</b> | Bulgarian Donors' Forum, Bulgaria   |
|          | <b>Grant Purpose</b>     | Meeting of National Donors' Association   |
|          | <b>Amount Awarded</b>    | \$ 5,521  |
|          | <b>Website</b>           | <a href="http://www.dfbulgaria.org/">http://www.dfbulgaria.org/</a>                     |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Organization Name</b> | Academy for the Development of Philantropy, Poland                                      |
|          | <b>Grant Purpose</b>     | Participation in the European Foundation Center Annual Conference in Madrid, June, 2007 |
|          | <b>Amount Awarded</b>    | \$2, 974.53   |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Organization Name</b> | Institute for Public Affairs, Bratislava, Slovakia                                      |
|          | <b>Grant Purpose</b>     | Participation in the European Foundation Center Annual Conference in Madrid, June, 2007 |
|          | <b>Amount Awarded</b>    | \$ 3,069.36   |
|          | <b>Website</b>           | <a href="http://www.ivo.sk/">http://www.ivo.sk/</a>                                     |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Organization Name</b> | Institute for Public Affairs, Bratislava, Slovakia                                      |
|          | <b>Grant Purpose</b>     | Project "Populism and Liberal Democracy in Central Eastern Europe"                      |
|          | <b>Amount Awarded</b>    | \$ 99,300   |

	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.ivo.sk/">http://www.ivo.sk/</a>
<b>5</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Polish Donors' Forum
	<b>Grant Purpose</b>	Participation in the European Foundation Center Annual Conference in Madrid, June, 2007
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$ 2,241.44
<b>6</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Center for Institutional Analysis and Development – CADI, Romania
	<b>Grant Purpose</b>	4th European Resource Bank Meeting, Bucarest in Sept. 13-16, 2007
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$ 19,360
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.cadi.ro/index.php?l=en">http://www.cadi.ro/index.php?l=en</a>
<b>7</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	European Foundation Centre (EFC)
	<b>Grant Purpose</b>	To support the development of the Grantmakers East Group (GEG)
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$ 25,000
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.efc.be/">http://www.efc.be/</a>
<b>8</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Bulgarian Association of University Women, Bulgaria
	<b>Grant Purpose</b>	Promoting Gender Equity in Secondary and University Education in CEE
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$ 3,580
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.ifuw.org/bulgaria/index.htm">http://www.ifuw.org/bulgaria/index.htm</a> <a href="http://www.cadi.ro/index.php?l=en">http://www.cadi.ro/index.php?l=en</a>
<b>9</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Academy for the Development of Philanthropy, Poland
	<b>Grant Purpose</b>	Community Foundation Network's 2007 Conference
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	\$ 1,870

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| <b>10</b> | <b>Organization Name</b> | Zvůle práva  |
|           | <b>Grant Purpose</b>     | Building capacities of an NGO to spread the method of strategic litigation in the Czech Republic |
|           | <b>Amount Awarded</b>    | \$ 25,000  |
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| <b>11</b> | <b>Organization Name</b> | Public Interest Law Institute (PILI)   |
|           | <b>Grant Purpose</b>     | First European Pro Bono Forum  |
|           | <b>Amount Awarded:</b>   | \$ 15,000  |
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| <b>12</b> | <b>Organization Name</b> | Robert Bosh Stiftung GmbH  |
|           | <b>Grant Purpose</b>     | Support for the participation of young leaders from CEE in the International Fellowship Program  |
|           | <b>Amount Awarded</b>    | \$ 18,000  |

## **SUPPORTING THE YOUNG LEADER INITIATIVE**

Recognizing the importance of supporting the growth of a new generation of civic leaders in Central and Eastern Europe, the CEE Trust provides fellowships to young leaders when there is a need and an opportunity. In 2007, the CEE Trust supported two fellowship initiatives with a total amount of \$12,600.

One of them was the co-funding and participation in the International Fellowship Program (IFP), first started by the Bosch Foundation and now implemented by the European Foundation Center (EFC). During the 2007 round the IFP enrolled 16 participants from Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Czech Republic, Poland, Moldova, Ukraine, Georgia and Russia. Russia, Georgia and Moldova entered the program for the very first time this year. The fellows are going to start their fellowships in April 2008 and end them in beginning of July. The fellowships vary in their time frame from one to three months. The host institutions are mainly West European, but for the first time this year we have a host in Russia and in Poland. The host organizations include: the Stefan Batory Foundation; the Northernrock Foundation in UK; Consortium for Street Children, UK; King Baudowin Foundation, Belgium; Networkability Europe, Belgium; Charities Aid Foundation, UK; Business in the Community, UK; Community Foundation Network, UK; Foundation for the Development of NGOs-NGO school, Russia etc.

In 2007, the CEE Trust started discussion with the Fulbright Commission in the Czech Republic and Bulgaria to establish a joint fellowship for civic leaders, following the model of the Fulbright academic grants. In October 2007 the Executive Director approached officially the officers from the Office of Academic Exchange

Programs responsible for the Fulbright program in the 7 CEE Trust countries to discuss the possibility of a more comprehensive and regular partnership.

## **SUPPORTING COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN BULGARIA**

In 2006, the CEE Trust stepped in to provide follow-up support to community foundations (CFs) in Bulgaria, which were previously created with financial help from USAID. The program for supporting the growth of the Bulgarian CFs was funded by USAID-Bulgaria (\$150,000), Mott Foundation (\$240,000) and CEE Trust (\$10,000 initially planned). The planned length of the program is 3 years, from July 2006 till June 2009. USAID's grant was fully absorbed within the first year-and-a-half. It aims to strengthen the grantmaking capacity of the Bulgarian CFs through providing matching grants for re-granting. In 2007, the CEE Trust disbursed 9 matching grants in total amount of \$109,669. The matching ratio was 0.5:1, i.e. the CEE Trust contribution was twice smaller than the amount raised locally by the CFs. Monitoring of the CFs' performance showed that the matching grants had helped to attract new donors and to improve the public standing of the CF as a local intermediary between donors and grassroots organizations in need of funding.

### List of matching grants to Bulgarian CFs in 2007

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Organization Name</b><br><b>Project Name</b><br><b>Amount Awarded</b><br><b>Grant Period</b><br><b>Description of the Project</b><br><br><b>Website</b> | Community Foundation Vratsa<br>To Improve Safety at Schools<br>USD 1,518 (Total project amount USD 5,925)<br>3 months<br>The community foundation disbursed small grants to local schools to install video surveillance systems in their buildings and yards. The new systems for video surveillance are expected to help prevent violence and drug dealing in the schools.<br><br><a href="http://fundvratza.m-real.net/">http://fundvratza.m-real.net/</a> |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Organization Name</b><br><b>Project Name</b><br><br><b>Amount Awarded</b><br><b>Grant Period</b><br><b>Description of the Project</b><br><b>Website</b> | Community Foundation Lom<br>Support for Initiatives that Benefit the Young Talented People of Lom<br>USD 2,273 (Total project amount USD 6,818)<br>5 months<br>The community foundation provided two small grants to local organizations working with young people.<br>not available   |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Organization Name</b><br><b>Project Name</b><br><b>Amount Awarded</b><br><b>Grant Period</b><br><b>Description of the Project</b>                       | Community Foundation Pazardzhik<br>Let's Be Useful<br>USD 5,546 (Total project amount USD 16,637)<br>6 months<br>The community foundation disbursed 4 small grants to local organizations for the following purposes: creation of open-air chess, sending children on a summer camp, support for integration of people from socially disadvantaged groups, support for talented children.  |

	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.ofond-pz.hit.bg">www.ofond-pz.hit.bg</a>
<b>4</b>	<b>Organization Name</b> <b>Project Name</b> <b>Amount Awarded</b> <b>Grant Period</b> <b>Description of the Project</b>	Community Foundation Vratsa To Improve School Safety 2 USD 1,330 (Total project amount USD 3,986) 2 months The community foundation made 2 small grants to local schools to install systems for video surveillance in their buildings.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://fundvratza.m-real.net/">http://fundvratza.m-real.net/</a>
<b>5</b>	<b>Organization Name</b> <b>Project Name</b> <b>Amount Awarded</b> <b>Grant Period</b> <b>Description of the Project</b>	Community Foundation Chepelare Better Future for the Children in Chepelare USD 10,709 (Total projects amount USD 33,206) 4 months The community foundation made grants to local schools and kindergartens for renovation of facilities that contributed to improvement of the education process.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.chepelare.net">www.chepelare.net</a>
<b>6</b>	<b>Organization Name</b> <b>Project Name</b> <b>Amount Awarded</b> <b>Grant Period</b> <b>Description of the Project</b>	Community Foundation Stara Zagora Better Future 2 USD 32,821 (Total project amount USD 98,464) 6 months The community foundation disbursed 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
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.fund-sz.org">www.fund-sz.org</a>
<b>7</b>	<b>Organization Name</b> <b>Project Name</b>  <b>Amount Awarded</b> <b>Grant Period</b> <b>Description of the Project</b>	Community Donation Fund Gabrovo Building up the Future through Supporting Realization of Youth Ideas 2  USD 27,059 (Total project amount USD 84,929) 10 months The community foundation aimed to provide about 10 small grants to local organizations in the spheres of education, healthcare, support for talented youth, youth summer camps, etc.
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.fond-gabrovo.veda.bg">www.fond-gabrovo.veda.bg</a>
<b>8</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>  <b>Project Name</b> <b>Amount Awarded</b> <b>Grant Period</b> <b>Description of the Project</b>	Community Foundation "Bridges over Tundzha" - Yambol Young Talents  USD 16 195 (Total project amount USD 53,035) 5 months The community foundation disbursed about 11 small grants to local youth organizations, especially those who are created by young people and those who work with young talents.
	<b>Website</b>	<u>not available</u>

<b>9</b>	<b>Organization Name</b>	Community Charitable Fund Blagoevgrad
	<b>Project Name</b>	To Lend a Hand
	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	USD 12,308 (Total project amount USD 38,077)
	<b>Grant Period</b>	5 months
	<b>Description of the Project</b>	The community foundation disbursed 4 small grants to support improvement of the study environment at 2 local schools and 1 kindergarten, and 1 social kitchen for very poor elderly people.

In 2006, four community foundations emerged in Slovenia as an outcome of the support provided by Umanotera Foundation (CEE Trust partner in Slovenia in 2004-2007) to local philanthropy development. Evaluation of the Umanotera's program that was carried out at the beginning of 2007 showed that the community foundations are one of the most viable outcomes of CEE Trust's grants in Slovenia. After meeting with the Slovenian CFs in September 2007, the CEE Trust committed to 2-year support for them through the following types of grants:

- Challenge grants to enhance the grantmaking capacity of the CFs and foster their development towards becoming effective local grantmakers. These grants were planned not to exceed \$30,000 per CF per year, with a decreasing matching ratio in the second year.
- Capacity building grant for the group of 4 CFs: \$50,000 for 2 years to assist the development of CF human resources; codes and standards for CFs; development and implementation of sustainability plan; networking activities between the 4 CFs ; and dissemination of the CF concept in new regions.

## **MONITORING AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES OF THE CEE TRUST**

The CEE Trust is an organization with a complex mission and small staff. It was established to support civil societies to deal with the challenges of democratic development through grant-giving to a multitude of partners. We pride ourselves as being a learning organization as well. We make a priority for ourselves to assess and address change, staying at the same time true to our mission. Therefore the staff has adopted the monitoring of the effectiveness and efficiency of the projects, supported by the CEE Trust, as an inseparable part of good grant-making practice. In 2006 the Program Directors have monitored every single supported project. The monitoring is at the same time a major learning instrument both for the CEE Trust staff and grantees. Being a regional organization with international visibility we strive to become an information resource center on organizations, projects, networks and individuals, serving a variety of partners. Therefore through monitoring and evaluation we collect information on supported projects and share the results and the lessons.

The CEE Trust staff is actively engaged in talking to representatives of the civil society in the entire richness of its stakeholders - grantees, applicants, NGOs, umbrella organizations, foundations, local and international grant-makers, media, universities, business, and public authorities. The Program Directors in the different

countries make themselves personally available for meetings and consultations, using these opportunities to learn and share knowledge at the same time. In 2007 the CEE Trust started commissioning full evaluations by external expert of selected projects, according to sets of questions designed in advance. The evaluations are aimed to assess the impact of the projects with a focus on the impact on the civil sector.

## **THE CEE TRUST IN THE INTERNATIONAL PHILANTHROPIC COMMUNITY**

The CEE Trusts was conceived as a joint initiative of several large donors and ever since has been a strong believer in international cooperation, knowledge sharing, partnering and joined actions. This value is reflected in the fact that the CEE Trust is active participants in different international networks, donors' associations and ad hoc initiatives.

The CEE Trust is a member of the Council on Foundations of the United States and currently is represented on its International Committee, whose purpose is to "guide the programs and resources of the Council's International Programs, whose mission is to enhance the interconnectedness of local and global issues; serve as a resource for information that facilitates grantmaking for international purposes; engage the Council with philanthropic organizations outside the United States, and support the development of global philanthropic networks and increase the visibility of international grantmaking" ([www.cof.org](http://www.cof.org))

The CEE Trust is member of the European Foundation Center and the Executive Director is standing member of its Capacity Building Committee. In 2007 we participated in the Annual General Assembly and took active part by chairing and moderating sessions.

The CEE Trust is traditionally involved in the Grantmaking East Group. Our representative on the Steering Committee, Lidia Kolucka-Zuk was actively involved in the reinvention and reinvigoration of the initiative under its new name Grantmakers East Forum.

The Program Directors of the CEE Trust have places as observers in the Donors' Fora in each country and contribute as far as allowed by our Conflict of Interest Policy and the respective bylaws in their deliberations.

The Executive Director is a member of the International Advisory Board of the European Cultural Foundation and took part in initiatives such as the "70 Cents for Culture Initiative" and the "Soul for Europe" conference and initiative.

## **AUDIT REPORT**

***See attachment***