

Watchdog funding from EU and EEA/Norway Financial Mechanisms

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Who will feed the watchdog
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Civil Society Development Foundation

- The biggest Czech foundation
- 45 m€ re-granted to NGOs on 7200 projects so far
- Implements Transition Facility programmes
- Intermediary Body for two ESF Global Grants
- Intermediary Body for Block Grant for NGOs from EEA/Norwegian Financial Mechanisms
- Organizes most recognised charity project in the country Hepl the Children
- Member of International Youth Foundation (programmes intended for youth – Make a Connection, klub-net)

EU Fund: Support of Civil Society in the Member States which acceded

- One of the Communitarian programmes
- Open to applicants from ten new EU member states (which acceded to the EU on 1st May 2004)
- Objectives: to support watchdog activities and to raise awareness of the watchdog activities importance for civil society
- Areas: public interest law, good governance, anti-corruption, transparency etc.
- Call for proposals open in 3 following years (2005-2007) with budget € 1 mil.
- Last CfP closed in May 2007

Transition Facility 2004 Strengthening the Role of Advocacy and Monitoring Civil Society Organisations

Objectives:

To promote the implementation of the acquis in the areas where CSOs play an advocacy and monitoring role.

Purpose:

To strengthen advocacy and monitoring CSOs that are active in the areas of anti-corruption measures, anti-discrimination acquis, social inclusion and environment.

Areas:

anticorruption

antidiscrimination

environment

2 calls for proposals (2004 and 2005), in total allocated €
2 380 110

Transition Facility 2005

Support to the Implementation of the Anti-discrimination Act and Anti-discrimination Acquis by CSOs

Objectives:

Ability to take on the obligations of the EU membership, including adherence to the aims of the political union in the field of implementation of the anti-discrimination acquis and the Anti-discrimination Act in the Czech Republic in compliance with political accession criteria. Empower the rule of law, human rights and respect for and protection of minorities.

Purpose:

Implementation of the anti-discrimination legislation by informing the general public and specific target groups, monitoring the way of its implementation, as well as implementation of EU Racial Equality Directive and Employment Equality Directive, through CSO activities.

1 call for proposals (2006), in total allocated € 746 597

EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms Block Grant for NGOs - Life Improvement in Communities through NGO Activities and Services 1st Call for Proposals

Objective:

To strengthen the civil society on the local & regional levels in the BG priority areas

Priorities:

Priority 1a – Fostering the Multicultural Environment in Communities

Priority 1b – Strengthening the Human Rights and Fight Against Discrimination and Racism

Priority 2 – Support to Children and Youth with Specific Problems

Priority 3 – Environmental Protection

Within the 1st call for proposals allocated € 3 091 386

EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms Block Grant for NGOs - Life Improvement in Communities through NGO Activities and Services 2nd Call for Proposals

Being prepared – Calls for Proposals planned to be announced by the end of 2007

Priorities continue from the 1st CfP:

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Priority 1b – Strengthening the Human Rights and Fight Against Discrimination and Racism

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Allocated sum: € 4 500 000

NROS experience with watchdog and advocacy NGOs

- Several strong organisations at the national level
- Effort to support watchdog and monitoring activities locally not successful
- Not only monitoring but also achieving legal or policy changes
- Importance of lobbying
- Enrich field activities by watchdog and advocacy activities (e.g. law on social services - SKOK)
- Watchdog and advocacy done at the second-tier level (umbrella organisations)
- Field NGOs can work in partnership with watchdog and advocacy national NGOs

Prospects of Future Funding

- Maybe the 3rd Call for Proposals in Block Grant
- NROS will actively seek for other funding opportunities
- Try to add advocacy components to bids submitted in specific sectors
- Raise funds by approaching individual donors

Partnership principle

- Stressed by EU
- Partnership formally implemented without the real effect
- Partnership is official framework
- Lobbying makes things happen
- Both is important
- It is interlinked and supports each other

Thank you for your attention.

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