

## Who Will Feed The Watchdog?

*forum on the future of funding of watchdog and related NGOs with special focus in the CEE region*

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CEELI Institute, Prague

**Organized by Environmental Law Service**

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### **Goals:**

- to discuss future priorities in advocacy and watchdog activities and develop new networking opportunities among NGOs
- to turn the funders attention to advocacy and watchdog activities
- to discuss and prepare recommendations for long term funding opportunities and strategies for advocacy and watchdog NGOs when traditional sources have decreased

### **Day one:**

- program runs 2 p.m. - 6.p.m.
- joint dinner and follow-up discussions will begin at 7 p.m.
- approximately 20 NGO participants. Interest has already confirmed by the following NGOs: EMLA (HU), Oekobureo (AT), Oziveni (CZ), PILA (CZ), Hnutí DUHA (CZ), League of Human Rights (CZ), Sustencia (SP), Observacio RSC (SP), T&E (BE), Center CSR (PL), CEE Bankwatch Network (CZ/ CEE), Nesst (HU), Czech Donors Forum (CZ), European Coalition for Corporate Justice (BE), The Network for the Affirmation of NGO Sector MANS (Monte Negro), Economy and Society Trust (CZ), Iuridicum Remedium (CZ), Centre for sustainable development (Serbia) .
- topics for the discussion:
  - **best methods of networking** – what helps and harms, how to network successfully, examples...
  - working groups - possible joint activities in the fields of **corporate responsibility, transport and environment, EU directives implementation monitoring**
  - **fundraising strategies** for the future, with special focus on:
    - EU funds
    - corporate funding

### **Day two:**

- program runs 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- general features of the program:
  - short presentations will introduce each topic, then more time for open discussion will follow.

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- networking space for development of cooperation between participants will be given
- the program is prepared in consultation with the Foundation for Development of Civil Society, The Czech Environmental Partnership Foundation, Open Society Fund Prague and Via Foundation
- interest has already confirmed by the following funding institutions: Via Foundation (CZ), Partnership Foundation (CZ), Foundation for Development of civil Society (CZ), Open Society Fund Prague, CEE Trust (BG/CEE), The Baltic-American Partnership Program (LT), British Embassy Prague, US Embassy Prague, Sasakawa Central Europe Fund, Vodafone Czech Republic (CZ).
- topics for discussion with information about speakers:
  - **case studies** of innovative watchdog activities – Environmental Law Service (confirmed), Petr Hlobil, CEE Bankwatch (confirmed)
  - **private foundations** support in future – Monika Ladmanova, Open Society Fund Prague (confirmed)
  - **corporate funds** and watchdog activities – Environmental Law Service (confirmed)
  - **state support** of the watchdog activities – searching
  - **EU funds, EEA grants** perspective – Foundation for Development of Civil Society (confirmed)
  - **structural funds** – Pavel Pribyl, Hnutí DUHA - Friends of the Earth (confirmed)
  - **public lotteries** – Miroslav Kundrata, The Czech Environmental Partnership foundation (confirmed)
  - NGO "**commercial**" activities – Nesst (confirmed)
  - **individual donations** – Jitka Nesrstova, Via Foundation (confirmed)

#### Organizational information:

- English is the official language of the forum. No translation to any other language will be provided.
- the organizer covers travel, accommodation and meal expenditures. Travel expenditures will be reimbursed after the event, when participant send us the tickets. The organizers will not reimburse taxi expenditures.
- the program of the forum will be hosted by [CEELI Institute](#), Havlickovy sady 58, Prague 2. You can find it [here](#).
- accommodation will be secured at [hotel Machova](#), 10 minutes from the forum venue. The phone connection to the hotel is +420 222 511 777.
- any suggestions, comments or questions concerning program or potential participants send to [vitezslav.dohnal@eps.cz](mailto:vitezslav.dohnal@eps.cz). You can use phone connection +420 776 834 534.
- questions and suggestions concerning logistics (accommodation, traveling etc) send to [tabor@eps.cz](mailto:tabor@eps.cz).

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