



Securing Sustainable Development for NGOs in the Heart of Europe

The international conference is an associated event of the 2012 NGO Market

Thursday, May 10, 2012, 10.00–16.30
National Technical Library, Technická 6, Prague 6

Conference Program

09.30–10.00 **Registration of Participants**

10.00–10.20 **Conference Opening**

Jakub Klepal, Executive Director, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czech Republic

Pavel Tychtl, DG Communication, European Commission, Belgium

Martin Svoboda, Director, National Technical Library, Czech Republic

10.20–10.55 **Funding Opportunities for Sustainable Development of Non-Governmental Organizations in V4 Countries**

Which sources of funding are available for securing sustainability and the development of the NGO sector in V4 countries? A presentation of findings from recent comparative studies will provide insight into an area that is crucial to many NGOs.

Marek Zoltowski, OFOP (Polish Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations), Poland

10.55–11.30 **How to Utilize the “European Year” for Promoting Your Organization’s Activities**

Presentation of the thematic “European Year” concept will be complemented by practical tips on how to fully utilize the opportunities which this framework offers to NGOs.

Alena Novotná, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czech Republic

Natálie Štastná, European Parliament Information Office, Czech Republic

11.30–11.50 **Coffee Break**

11.50–12.25 **Is It Worthwhile to Be a Member of a Network Organization?**

What are the benefits of networking at a European level for long-term sustainability of NGOs? What are the advantages and disadvantages for individual NGOs?

Kim Smouter, Secretary, ENNA (European Network of National Civil Society Associations), Belgium

12.25–13.15 **Lunch**

13.15–13.50 **Future of the “Europe for Citizens” Program**

What does program “Europe for Citizens” offer NGOs? The presentation will introduce principles and future prospects of the program, which aims to support discussion about civil society and citizens’ participation.

Pavel Tychtl, DG Communication, European Commission, Belgium

13.50–14.25 **Has the “One Percent Tax Assignment” Paid Off?**

Practical experience and an evaluation of the benefits and pitfalls of the tax assignment will be presented by representatives of the NGO sector in Slovakia and Hungary.

Milan Andrejkovič, 1st Slovak Nonprofit Service Centre, Slovakia
Eszter Simor, NIOK (Nonprofit Information and Training Centre), Hungary

14.25–14.45 **Coffee Break**

14.45–15.20 **Grant Program of the International Visegrad Fund**

What are the opportunities for project funding to develop cooperation between partners from the V4 region?

15.20–16.30 **Closing Cocktail: Obsessed En Route – Behind the Numbers**

Presentation of a multi-media project that mapped grant projects supported by the International Visegrad Fund will be followed by an informal closing cocktail reception.

Attila Szomolányi, Linum Foundation, Hungary