

# The EEA NGO Programme in Hungary

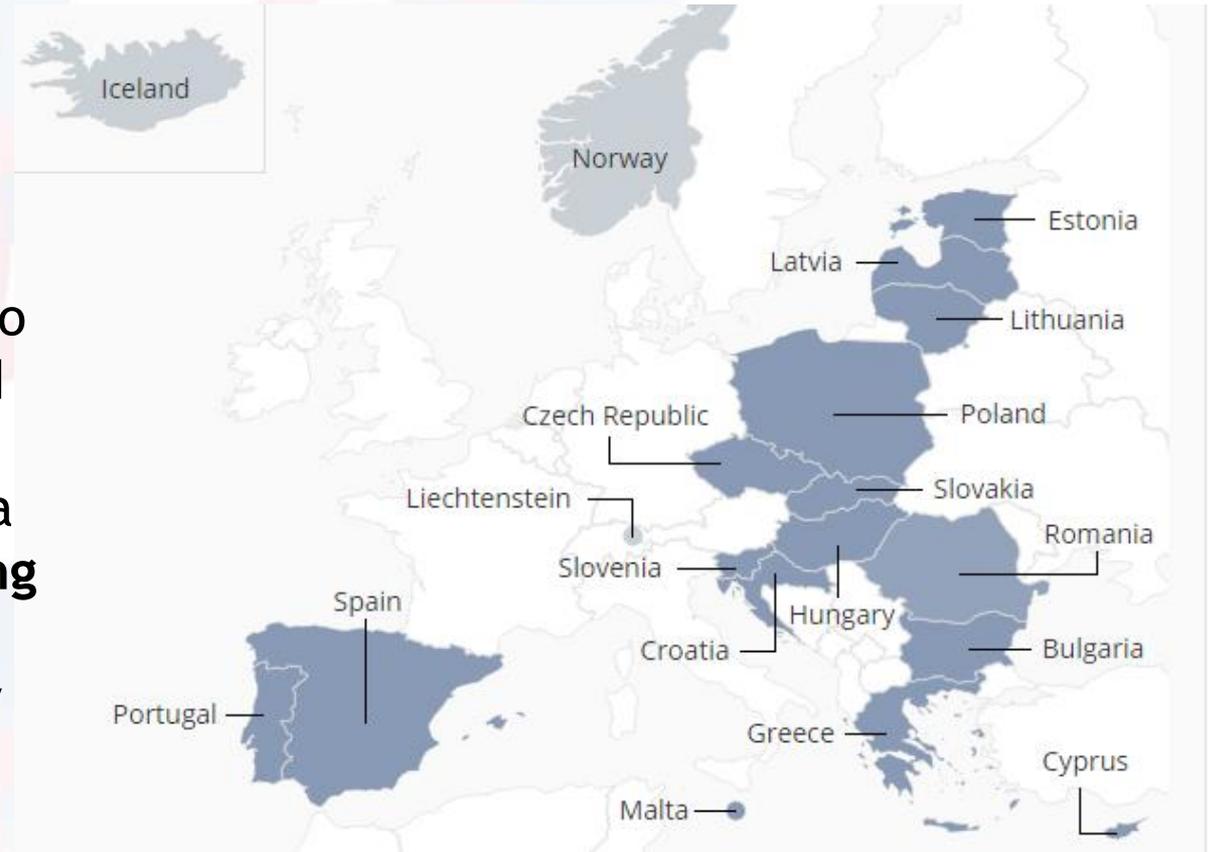
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# The role of EEA/Norway NGO Programme

The EEA Grants and Norway Grants are Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway's contribution to reducing economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area and to the strengthening of bilateral relations with the 16 beneficiary states in Central and Southern Europe.



# Objectives of the NGO Programme

“Strengthened civil society development and enhanced contribution to social justice, democracy and sustainable development.”

Overall allocation: 13.5 million EUR between 2013-2016

Special attention to

- human rights
- good governance and transparency,
- combating racism and xenophobia
- combating discrimination, social exclusion, gender inequalities and gender-based violence.

Very little or no domestic funding is available to these types of activities.

# The Fund Operator

A consortium of 4 independent foundations directly contracted by the EEA Financial Mechanism Office:

- (1) Ökotárs - Hungarian Environmental Partnership Foundation**  
Promotes environmental improvement and awareness among civil society and the general public since 1991.
- (2) Autonomia Foundation**  
Supports civic initiatives in which people mobilize available local resources to reach their goals; the development programmes in the field of Roma intergation.
- (3) Foundation for Development of Democratic Rights (DemNet)**  
Provides "democracy support" since 1996 with a special focus on civil society's development and sustainability in Hungary and in countries of Western Balkans and Eastern Europe.
- (4) Carpathian Foundation-Hungary**  
Aims at improving the quality of lives of people living in the Carpathian region through civil society and regional development, and capacity building, empowerment of marginalized, rural communities.

# Results in numbers

**~4,000 applications received**

**450 projects selected for funding**

23 macro

103 medium

284 micro

51 action grants

**11 internships**

**10 youth study trips**

**10 capacity building workshops**

NGO Festival, video competition, networking meetings for running projects, etc.

Tens of thousands of children, women and men served through a broad diversity of projects, especially members of marginalized groups lacking opportunities (poor, minorities, homeless, people with disabilities, victims of domestic violence, LBGT, etc.).

# Macro projects

Strengthening and developing the key players of the civil sector  
AND passing their experience to others:

- **Advocacy and watchdog NGOs**
- **Community and organizational development NGOs**

3-year long projects to 23 well established NGOs and through them other >200 smaller NGOs.

Knowledge and experience transfer through trainings, mentoring, coaching services, etc.

120-140,000 € / project

# Example: Contemporary Architecture Center



*Civic City': Making empty urban spaces in Budapest available to civil society organisations*

- Norwegian partner: **The Oslo School of Architecture and Design**
- Local partner: **Municipality of Budapest Urban Landscape Department**



- Map empty urban spaces;
  - match them with organizations;
  - negotiate with owners;
  - develop sample contracts for temporary discounted rental
- resulted in new municipal model of temporary affordable rent for social initiatives,
- adopted in urban development plans and funding schemes

# Example: Protect the Future

Supporting 17 communities in transition; joining the international movement



# Example: Hungarian Womens Lobby

Gender Media Netowk: strengthening women's representation in media, and female journalism



# Medium and micro projects

Medium projects must have:

- **impact beyond the supported organization**, their results were utilized in a wider circle, by other actors of the sector
- a **model value**
- work on building broader constituencies, on a higher level of professional practice
- improved visibility
- an effect in rural areas.

*All these could not be the “by-product” of the project!*

*Micros could be simple projects of local interest.*

# Thematic areas of support

- (1) democracy and human rights
- (2) gender and equal opportunities
- (3) community and organizational development
- (4) youth and children issues
- (5) environment and sustainable development
- (6) provision of welfare and basic services to vulnerable groups
- (7) empowerment of vulnerable groups, including Roma

# Some examples



Dog therapy for children with disabilities

Crowd-sourcing for homeless people



Community gardens



Human rights education



Help Roma youth in the labour market





Volunteers of secondary school students teach IT to the leaders of elderly clubs in Győr, so that their access to information and efficiency of interest representation could develop.



Role play and sensitising sessions for public institutions so that they better understand the challenges of blind who use their services.



Young Roma volunteers forming stereotype-destroying troops and touring schools with „what it is like being Roma” talks.

Strengthening the advocacy of bikers through campaigning for new and better touristic bike roads.



## *„Give me your hand!”*

A mainstream theatre workshop - that for years has only been visited by children of middle class families - opens its doors to kids with different and diverse background ins Nyíregyháza.



# *Everyday heroes of Roma*

Campaign and contest based on public voting to choose the everyday heroes of Roma, who have gained the respect and honor in their community because of their activity and work.



## *Protected crossings*

Art therapy sessions for psychiatric patients who fell out from care with workshops, open days, exhibitions, talks.



## *Ecotherapy and self-support*

Creation of community gardens at psychiatric homes and orphanages as therapeutical and self-care possibility.



## *„Useful again” recycling artistic workshops*

Peer help to and awareness raising about people suffering from multiple sclerosis through reuse: creating and selling crafts at public events.



## Woman-centered maternity care

Peer support by middle-class women in urban areas to women living in underserved rural areas who experience violation of birth rights, disrespect or abuse from health professionals.



## *Interactive historical walking tours*

Fighting against hate speech and discrimination by developing interactive walking tours in several towns with the help of holocaust survivors and trained guides from the communities.



# Action projects

Supporting the organization and implementation of **short campaigns or actions**.

- human rights and the rights of minorities, equal opportunities;
- combating racism and xenophobia, homophobia, anti-Semitism, extremism;
- tolerance, multicultural understanding and social inclusion instead of discrimination and exclusion;
- understanding, mitigation and solution of problems arising from poverty and inequalities (with special attention to the situation of Roma);
- promoting gender equality, combating inequalities, gender-based and domestic violence and trafficking.

Ongoing (rolling) call, grant decision in every 2 months,  
5-10,000 € /project.



## Poster campaign about homelessness

Guerilla poster campaign with the participation of secondary school students and homeless people.



# Internships - strengthening bilateral relations

## Szuza i Norge

Home Professional Blog Reports



## Ösztöndíjasként Norvégiában

2013 szeptember és decembere között a Norvég Civil Alap ösztöndíjasaként Norvégia legnagyobb, szenvedélybetegekkel foglalkozó NGO intézményének a Kyrkens Bymisjon-nak ([www.bymisjon.no](http://www.bymisjon.no)) a kutatási osztályán dolgozom. Küldő intézményem a MEJOK Józán Babák Klub ([www.jozanbabak.blogspot.hu](http://www.jozanbabak.blogspot.hu)), amely Budapesten, a 8. kerületben a Kálvária téren szerhasználó várandós nőkkel és kisgyermekes családok alacsony-küszöbű ellátásával foglalkozik.

## Pszichiátria és más norvégságok

2013. szeptember 22., vasárnap

Independence of the Seas



étvégén a Gamle Stavanger végében parkolt a világ eg harmadik legnagyobb hajója, az Independence of the Seas. Egészen szédítő látvány volt...

Támogatók



- Jæren DPS
- Norsk Reisebyrå
- Norvég Civil Támogatási Alap

# Festival

80 organizations with a wide range of activities to promote civic activism: talks, children programs, exhibitions, theatre performances, concerts, city walks, films, games, etc.



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